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Ellen Simon walks in Neil's footsteps



SI doomed?

Minimu pay push by Labour

Richard Thomas

ABOUR plans to impose a minimum wage on Britain's employ-ers in the first year of a Blair government, according to senior members of the

After months of heated ne-gotiations with union leaders, frontbenchers have promised a guillotine on the deliberations of the Low Pay Commission, a new body which will be created to set the level of

the wage floor.

"We have promised to get this wrapped up within a year, said one shadow cabinet member. "The commission will be given six months at the outside — but it could be much tighter than that."

The move marks a victory for trade unions, who were afraid the commission which will be made up of ag maximum of 15 representa-tion of employers, unions, and "independents" — could -: could

be used to delay legislation. John Edmonds, general sec-retary of the GMB general union, last night welcomed the move. "This is a good step forward. Without a time limit on the commission, the em-



abour leadership is said to be determined to put a minimum wage on the statute books as quickly as possible, to emphasise commitment to Britain's working poor and prevent a long-running battle with union leaders.

Labour front-benchers have also agreed that any sensible proposal from the commisshin on the level of the minimmm wage will be accepted by the relevant Secretary of

Meacher, shadow Employno final decisions had been taken on any timescale for es-

ment Secretary, insisted that

wage, drawn up by shadow employment minister Ian McCartney, will be on Tony Blair's desk within the next

The draft paper currently sets out options for the size, membership and timetable of the commission. The final version is expected to recommend putting a floor under vages by the spring of 1998, ssuming a spring election next year.

Labour wants to introduce the minimum in the spring in order to coincide with wage rounds, and is likely to set up the commission immediately on taking office.

Mr McCartney admitted the process could not be open-ended. The commission has very important first job --- setting the level for a national minimum wage. There will have to be some sort of timescale for this."

As evidence of a growing support for a minimum wage from both sides of industry, Mr McCartney pointed to a survey published today by recruitment company Reed.
The Reed poll of firms finds

that half of all employers are now in favour of a minimum Last night Michael wage, against only 20 per cent who oppose it. Most, how ever, favour a regionally-set - minimum. -

But the Confederation of ployers — who do not want a minimum at all — might fill-buster. My understanding is that it will be on the statute books within a year." The



Dimitra Liani, the widow of the former Greek prime minister Andreas Papandreou, who died yesterday, aged 77, is joined by mourners following his coffin to the Orthodox cathedral in Athens. The body will lie in state until the funeral on Wednesday Charismatic Papandreou, page 3, Obituary, page 10

Broken hearts and bruised feet in Euro 96

Success brings prob-lems, and David Sea-man, English hero, finally blotted his copybook. He had cracked Scottish hearts with that penalty save and then smashed Spanish resolve with another in Saturday's shoot-out. Yesterday, he almost broke a <u>nine-year-old fan</u>'s

foot. Peter Lavelle was jostling to get an autograph from the goalkeeper, who plays for his favourite team, Arsenal. But Seaman drove his Sierra Cosworth over the boy's foot as he left England's headquarters at the

Seaman drove off, un-aware he had left behind a bruised foot. Rachel Lavelle, Peter's mother, said it was her son's fault. "He was trying to get to the front, as children do." The

for Wednesday's semi-final against Germany, to be told only phone bookings were

accepted. German fans are eligible for the remaining 7,000 tickets for the game after

As the summer of sport gets into its stride, we today launch an eight-page pull-out in which the Guardian's unrivalled team of sports writers focus on Euro 96. Wimbledon and the Test match. On Friday, a unique 24-page sports magazine comes free

3,000 were sold to England throughout the day. Neil Evans, aged 49, who watched England's 1966 World Cup victory, joined

the queues.

bley at midnight, hoping to | at Wembley. I've seen 146 | man's offside decision, and buy the remaining tickets | games there, but the way | England's prowess from the they've organised tickets for this is a shambles."

In the other semi-final on Wednesday, at Old Traf-ford, France will play the Czech Republic, who yes-terday defeated Portugal

There were problems, too, for police as England supporters celebrated in Trafalgar Square. Several fans threw bottles and parked vehicles were damaged. Officers in riot gear were deployed to clear the area. There were 29 arrests

after the match. But England was de-lighted to be contending with the difficulties associfans by phone. Tempers became increasingly frayed throughout the day. Neil Evans, aged 49, who was at least until Wednesday, belped by a linesman's misjudgment. He raised his checked flag to rob Salinas of a potential winning goal. it was her son's fault. "He was trying to get to the front, as children do." The goalkeeper was expected to meet his young fan.

There were other problems for England's fans.
They pitched up at Wem-

penalty spot when the heat was on, gives the team the chance to bury the ghost of German supremacy in clashes between the nations, 1966 aside.

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TASK...

Smart Pearce showed the the frustration of his 1990 World Cup shoot-out miss against Germany with a fearsome third kick.

In England, only book makers are failing to get carried away with jingoism. They stand to lose £5 million if England are outright victors in the final. One spokemsan for Ladbrokes, the official bookmakers to Euro 96, way during Saturday's said: "The only dark cloud shoot-out. He rid himself of on the horizon is if England go and win it."

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Selective schools will get no new resources

John Carvel Education Editor

OHN MAJOR'S plan to establish "a grammar school in every town" looked increasingly frail last night, when it emerged that the long awaited white paper to promote selective education will not be backed up by

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will tomorrow call for powers to build new self-governing schools in Labour heartlands, where council-run comprehensives have a monopoly of secondary school provision. She wants the Funding Agency for Schools — the quango responsible for state education outside local authority control — to be able to create new grant-maintained schools even where there is a surplus of comprehensive places.

However, sources in the agency said her proposals would be "pie in the sky" if they were not backed up by extra resources. Each new inner-city grammar school would cost about £10 million and would add to overall run-

David Blunkett, the shadow Education Secretary, said: She does not believe in reintroducing grammar schools, and her proposals will be a sham to satisfy the Conservato selection at 11.

The funding agency has a 230 million budget for new

Timetable

☐ 1965: launch of comprehensive education system □ 1970-74: Education Secretary Margaret Thatcher closed more grammar schools

than any other holder of the post 1988: Education Reform Act. Schools permitted to opt out of local authority control ☐ 1993: Education Act. State schools allowed to choose 10 per cent of pupils with a special aptitude. Funding Agency established League

tables introduced ☐ Spring 1996: government proposed secondary schools be allowed to select 15 per cent of intake on academic ability. Tougher testing of primery school numils mary school pupils

☐ June 1996: Labour and teaching unions castigate plans for increasing selection

capital initiatives, but it would cost \$2 billion to establish a grammar school in every town, giving selective education to 5 per cent of secondary pupils at the ex-pense of all the rest, he said. Ministers hope the white paper can accentuate Labour embarrassments over selec-tion which surfaced in January when Harriet Harman, the shadow health secretary, said she was choosing a grammar school for her son in spite of the party's opposition

dispute drags on. *

to turn the tables focusing on Mrs Shephard's strong support for the comprehensive principle during a campaign Burnham Beeches Hotel, to close grammar schools in Buckinghamshire.

Norfolk in the 1970s. Mrs Shephard yesterday defended her decisions as a Conservative councillor on Norfolk education committee in 1979, which supported switching to comprehensive schooling in spite of advice from the Conservative government that education authorities

were not under pressure to do "They were so far down the road of implementing the [comprehensive] education development plan that they had to carry on," she said.

The funding agency already

has power under the 1993 Act to ask ministers for permission to build in area at least 10 per cent of the pu pils are in grant-mainteined schools. The white paper would extend this to large areas, including many inner cities, where there has been

little or no opting out. "This signals the beginning of the end of local authority involvement in education. The more cash schools have devolved to them, the nearer they will become to being grant-maintained and the more they will want ... selfgoverning status," said Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation.

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White House plays down Hillary 'seances'

onathan Freedland in Washington .

HE White House moved swiftly yesterday to limit the political fallout from revelations that Hillary Clinton conducted seance-style con-versations with dead leaders. imagines herself to be the most wounded woman since Joan of Arc, and is in thrall to a New Age therapist who once recommended LSD.

Vice-President Al Gore led the defence of Mrs Clinton yesterday, claiming the sessions - in which the First Lady spoke to the spirits of Eleanor Roosevelt and Mahatma Gandhi, and then spoke to herself as though she

storming" sessions to help her write a book on children. "They have attacked her law practice 15 years ago, now they're attacking the way she brainstorms with her friends." Mr Gore said in a television interview.

But damage control is unlikely to quash interest in this new image of Mrs Clinton, which prompted comparisons with Nancy Reagan. Mrs Reagan drew notoriety when it emerged that she planned President Ronald Reagan's schedule according to the whim of her personal āstrologer.

The details of Mrs Clinton's journey toward 'healing' come in The Choice, a new book by the respected Washwere them - were "brain- ington Post reporter Bob | 9; Profile, G2 page 12

Woodward, who helped breal Watergate. No one at the White House has denied the substance of his story. But Neel Lattimore, the Eiraf. Lady's spokesman, said: "These were people helping her laugh, helping her think

These were not seances."

The White House chief of staff, Leon Panetta, said: "To describe it as a consultation with psychics is to try to put it in the wrong frame. We have to draw strength from wherever we can ... she sat down with friends and advisers. talked through experiences . . and I think that's human." The book details several of

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Victory echoes faintly down the centuries

tt may be a long time since Bannockburn, but that is no reason to prevent the SNP from slicking up for a family day out under the stony gaze of Robert the Bruce



Ruaridh Nicoll

AVID Patterson. his eyes bright with drink, said: "Hey, scribbler, tell the lassie what I said earlier." The note-pad showed that he was prepared to die for Scotland.

You hear that," he shouted at the girl, who was dressed in the Scottish flag, "I" — Patterson pointed dramatically to his inflated chest — "would die for Scotland." With a disparaging glance, she told him

to bugger off.
There was a time when the renfolk of Scotland Would send their reckless men off to battle with a packed lunch and a kiss, only later heading solemnly towards the bloodbath

to pick up what was left. But it wasn't Patterson's fault that he was 682 years too late for the battle and the most dangerous thing he would

have to face on Bannockburo field that afternoon was a speech from the Scottish National Party leader, Alex

Just to the south of where Patterson stood, in an area now covered with modern de velopments and industrial parks, the Scottish army led by Robert the Bruce had slaughtered the English like

The battle was won, to the chagrin of Bruce's hoity toity friends (he was a bit of a snob) by the lowly baggage carriers, who charged at the crucial

As a political symbol it is a winner and each year the SNP take advantage of it with a rally and a march.

And so, with a couple of

thumps and a groan before the drums and pipes struck up their skirl, a 1,000-strong army headed up Stirling high street giant banners held up to the cloudless sky. The banners showed the white on blue Saltire or the yellow of the SNP.

The party symbol, a stick drawn fish, its tail pointing straight up as if it were bottom feeding, was everywhere. With the Ochil hills dark and beautiful on the horizon. the crowd marched onwards. From pubs along the route, like the Rob Roy, kilted lads

would ioin with a cheer as those that they recognised



Leader Alex Salmond catches up with the SNP's march to the Bannockburn memorial

marched past. "It is a good family day out," said the slick and slightly too well oiled Sal-mond. The leader was in good cheer: he had just returned from beating England in a par liamentary football match, and as he marched, he threw his arm around anybody nearby, patting small childre on the head.

Shoppers stopped and watched as the parade went by Young and old, women and men, boys and girls, all chant-ing, "What do we want? Independence. When do we want it? Now." Occasionally independence would be replaced with other words -- "Beer" or Spain to Win" for example.
Once out of the high street,

the column threaded up through one of Stirling's less picturesque neighbourhoods, that of St Ninians. Eight skinheads took up positions by the road to watch the passing humanity. They were drinking Hooch, the alcoholic lemonade which has become the lager

God Save the Queen (official version) and throwing Nazi salutes. You had to feel for hem; after all, it must be hard to be a man in a place called St

Once the marchers had ne-gotiated the hooligan line by studiously ignoring it, the top of the hill hove into view,

charger and a flagpole rose high into the sky to wave its Saltire pride. Worn out by all the walking, the marchers col-lapsed on the grass or huddled round the leadership to have their photographs taken with Humuyan Hanif, the first Asian parliamentary candidate for the SNP and a senior nember of the fast-growing Scots Asians For

Independence. The first and only poignant moment came when the band started up on Flower of Scotland and the grand dame of Scottish nationalism, the 75year-old MEP Winnie Ewing. teetered forward on three inch heels to lay the wreath at the monument to Scotland's triumph. "Liberty is not worth having if it is not worth fighting for," the note said. I would have thought liberty is great if you don't have to fight for it but this was not a mo-

ment to be pernickety. "We fight not for glory, nor for wealth, nor honour, but only and alone we fight for freedom which no good man surrenders but with his life. said Bruce stonily, by way of n inscription on the rock.

Nicola Sturgeon, the 26rear-old who at the last election was Britain's youngest parliamentary candidate, was a class act during the at Bannockburn in 1314 but

the war goes on," she told the crowd to a whooping cheer. Ms Sturgeon went on to point out that she meant war in the

peaceful, democratic sense.
One marcher noted with approval that her legs had regained their stunning shape after a brief but nonetheless worrying dumpiness at last year's party conference. When finally it was time for

Salmond to speak, he led off with a joke. "I do many things for Scotland." he said referring to his football triumph against the auld enemy. "But never ask me again to put a ball between Theresa Gor-

It was a good joke and the faithful responded, one man's chest heaving under a T-shirt that showed a Scottish rugby player beating a bare-bummed English opponent with a

Then Salmond got serious. William Wallace, according to Michael Forsyth | the Scottish Secretary was a loser," he shouted to the crowd, who

"Well, William Wallace died but he wasn't a loser. When the election comes, Michael Forsyth will be the loser." He sat down and the band played the national anthem, Burns' Scots Wha Hae rather than the Corries' Flower of Scotland, before the troops headed off



The folkloric image . . . A game of petanque in progress in the Place des Lices in Saint Tropez

Make way for Marcel, bouliste par excellence

Paul Webster on how the folkloric image of a French game is getting a bionic gloss

arm and a skeletal and several other laborato-steel body, but he is ries. about to blow apart the Pro-vencal game of la pétanque with the bionic precision of

A 2 million lb robot develoned by the French navy and Toulon University's technological institute, Marcel is a key player in moves to change petanque's image from a folkoric pastime to a scientific game of Olympic

Over the summer, the robot will undergo final adjustments in a laboratory run by Patrick Abellard, professor of automation techniques at

When the robot's steely hand goes into regular action in front of cameras that analyse the bowling arm's movements at the rate of 1,000 images a second, he will form part of a nationwide study by

ARCEL has only one | scientists from the Sorbonne |

The impetus to change the image of a game so strongly associated with southern France has come from a Toulon champion bouliste and physical education teacher, Robert Bruno, aged 53, whose passion for the game include integration in rundown immigrant suburbs and throwing out bridges to the third world

The picturesque view of pétanque can be sampled every day at the Place des Lices in Saint-Tropez, where show business stars queue up for Paris Match photographers to reinforce their common touch. But behind the folklore, replayed on thousands of village squares throughout the year by 10 million bou-listes, are legendary figures. Mr Bruno, who has taught



At Toulon University, Patrick Abellard tends Marcel

names of dozens of top level players. Top of his list is Alphonse Baldi, a Marseille metal worker, who reigned supreme through the years before and after the second world war.

Baldi, whose bar La Pivotte at Toulon became one of the 5,000 children in the past five | temples of petanque and the

as mysteriously as she disap-

peared, and although she

years in a new school sports | slower, more athletic, Jeu programme, can reel off the Provencal, had a fantastic reputation as a tireur, the member of a two or three man team who wrecks the preci-

But Baldi's brilliance is now challenged by athletes like Christian Fazzino, who holds the world record as a tireur, hitting 992 steel boules

sion work of the rival

out of a thousand in 58 min

In 1988 and 1990, the women's world championship was won by Thailand, where the game is compulsory in the army, while Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria have been among countries who have success-fully taken on France in the men's championship over the past 30 years.

"The game is cheap, doesn't need any special equipment and can be played anywhere, which is why it's the fastest growing sport in many African territories," Mr Bruno said, "There's no reason why boulistes shouldn't be invited to the Olympics one day."

Despite the Provencal

game's popularity, going back to the first rules drawn up in technical handbook until this month, when Mr Bruno published Les Secrets de la Pétanque et du Jeu Provencal. The book is full of analysis of style and technique. Luckily, bionic Marcel, terror of the boulodrome, hasn't been taught to read vet

Anger at EU 'deal' on Rushdie fatwa

UROPEAN Union countries are prepared to accept the validity of an Iranian fatwa ordering the killing of Salman Rushdie in return for assurances that Iran will not attempt to execute the death

Britain is certain strongly to oppose the proposed deal, which is expected to be pursued by Ireland when it as-sumes the EU presidency next month, on the ground that Iran cannot be trusted.

But diplomatic sources say now supports a compromise under which letters to be exchanged with Iran would include a specific reference to the continuing "validity and irrevocability" of the sevenyear-old fatwa in return for written guarantees that Tehran will not send agents

to murder the novelist.

The fatwa, a religious edict theoretically binding on all Muslims, was issued in 1989 by the late Ayatollah Khomei-ni after publication of Mr Rushdie's novel The Satanic

In an attempt to head off a compromise, the International Rushdie Defence Committee denounced the plan, describing it as "a shocking and unacceptable position", which would undermine the moral authority of the EU. Failure to proceed on the

basis of a draft text acceptable to Iran would mean an end to the EU initiative begun by France last year to secure a "ceasefire" that would circumvent the 1989 edict, the SOURCES SAY.

The issue was discussed in Brussels last Thursday at a regular session of the EU-Iran critical dialogue.

Britain is certain to oppose France, Spain and Italy, the last three EU presidents. Foreign Office sources insist that Iran cannot be trusted, and argue that without the abrogation of the fatwa, Mr Rushdie, still under police protection, can never be con-

sidered safe. Ireland, taking over the presidency on July 1, has excellent relations with Iran, a lucrative market for its beef exports. It is also perceived. unlike Britain, to be both generally non-aligned and specifically distant from the US.

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Sources in Dublin have indicated that they believe Britain is holding up a compromise deal to end the Rushdie affair at the same as insisting that the EU treat it as a Euro pean-wide issue.

The Rushdie Defence committee told Malcolm Rifkind. the Foreign Secretary, on Friday: "An agreement to accept the current draft text would establish the dangerous precedent of cultural relativism; that the right to freedom of speech can be abnegated by

religious dictate. Britain does not want to burn its bridges with Tehran and has resisted US pressure to end the critical dialogue, but it feels there is

for compromise. Yet positive signals from Iran would be welcome. One would be if the semi-official million "bounty" for the murder of Mr Rushdie withdrew

its offer. The problem was illustrated clearly recently: the Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati, said that murder the author, but a hardline Iranian newspaper retorted that he would certainly be killed.

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Review

Lyn Gardner

ABSENCE is at the heart of Paul Godfrey's thorough

BMA backs doctors call to have sex penalty eased

rules on doctors having sexual affairs with patients.

annual BMA conference says doctors should not automatically be suspended from the

Philumena, married six months, suddenly disappears without trace one day. Her husband is across the other side of the world on business, so her distraught parents and mother and father in law check into a hotel and search

Association yesterday played down reports that it would back a call to relax the rules on destant house a some patient, but instead face some lesser penalty, such as an official warning.

The motion, however, is unlikely to be deleted by writes Chris Mihill.

of lack of time. Even if it is debated and passed, it will have little practical effect because the BMA has no legislative power. It is the General Medical Council which has the statutory duty to died A motion before this week's medical register if they have the statutory duty to disci-sex with a consenting adult pline doctors.

going-over of the Latin writer. Terence's second century comedy known as The Mother

never appears on stage, it is her insistent presence behind the locked door that provides a focus for the drama. "Who is it? What is it? Is it a dog?" demands the chambermaid who has been refused entry, in a single sentence en-compassing the possibility of both the comic and the mon-strous. Godfrey's script con-tinuously and skilfully walks

this tightrope, but at barely an hour long, the play absents it-self before it has really found either rhythm or a compelling reason for its existence. Lucy Weller's stylish design cial warning.

The motion, however, is unlikely to be debated because

of a shiny vermilion hotel cor-ridor makes innovative use of the Gate's space. Orchestral You a Rosegarden are piped into the narrow strip, a noman's land of enforced intimacy where father, mother parents-in-law and husband are stranded like actors in a bedroom farce who find the bedroom doors locked against

farce too in the play on coinci-dence. The chambermaid turns out to be the son's exlover, the ring in her posses-sion a symbol of his calumny

and his salvation. But if the play's structure hints towards farce, the writ-ing has an Edward Bondish quality. Early on, I thought we might be in for a middle-class Saved, an anatomy of the emo-tional inarticulacy of privi-lege driven by an inability to

The coolness and elegance of Godfrey's writing is seductive, and the complexity of the characters who are constantly less than they appear is fascinating. Yet somehow, the piece is

It is hard for an audience to engage with characters who have all the vitality of robots turns to the audience and demands: "Is there justice? Or is there just this?" Just this, I'm afraid. And it's not enough.

less than the sum of its parts.

plays down 'seances'

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Mrs Clinton's encounters —
one in the White House solarium — with Jean Houston, codirector of the Foundation for Mind Research and a renowned believer in spirits, hypnosis and

experimentation.

Meanwhile, lawyers in the second Whitewater criminal trial have threatened to sub-poena Mrs Clinton as a defence witness for two bankers accused of improperly diverting stolen cash to Bill Clinton's 1990 gubernatorial

campaign. Republicans earlier named Mrs Clinton as the architect of an elaborate cover-up after the 1993 suicide of the White House lawyer Vince Foster. "We're all beginning to rec-ognise that, much as she is the president's strongest ally

she is also his greatest liabil-ity," one White House official said yesterday.

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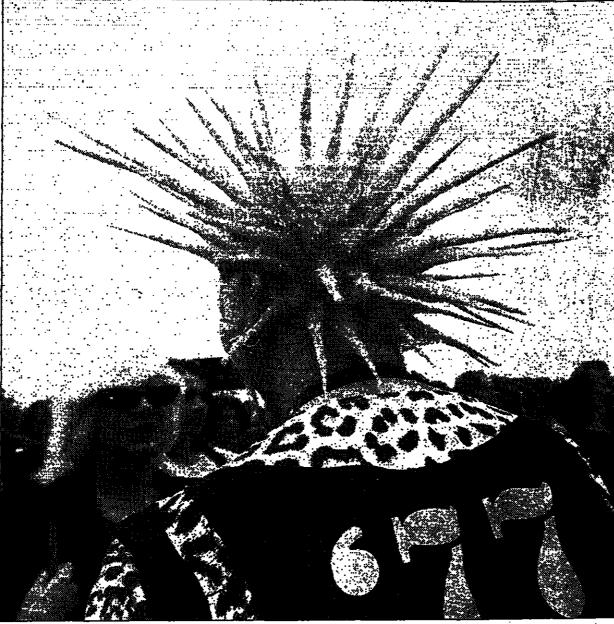
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Eighteen years after the Pistols' last British gig, punk rockers pulled on their leathers yesterday and headed for their comeback in Finsbury Park, London PHOTOGRAPHS MARTIN GODWI

Sex Pistols spit out nostalgia

Caroline Sullivan

everything," said Paul Dickens, a 32-year-old Hull civil servant. limelight for years before fluffing a newly-spiked hairdo the big comeback, which yesterday at the Sex Pistols' first British gig in 18 years. You wouldn't have known it to look at the four beer-bellied market traders on stage in Finsbury Park, north London. but these were the erstwhile swearing gobbing punk rock-

ers who invented a genre. Since their 1978 split, Glen Matiock and Paul Cook have never failed to profess their mutual hatred. Every band has its price, though, and for a reported £6 million. the Pistols are prepared to put on their best sneers and hit

the road. With customary frankness European leg, which began Friday in Finland, the Filthy Time for one final encore

SOME bands never quite split up. The Ragles, launched in 1972 by Glenn they keep threatening, while others drop out of the reformed in 1994 after 14 can sometimes mint them more money than did their first shot at fame and fortune, writes Sarah Boseley.

Patti Smith was a cult singer with one hit single, Because The Night, but disappeared from concerts and bring up children. She neback this sum-

At Hollola, north of Hel- mer in traditional drunken sinki, the band threatened to style. The Pistols neverthe-With customary frankness, leave the stage in the face of a they've titled the 20-date deluge of plastic bottles. "Stop, stop, stop," Rotten Save the Queen.
yelled as the 15,000 strong audience celebrated midsum-

years. This summer they play a four-week tour of Europe with gigs in 15 cities. Madness split up in 1986, but re-formed in 1992,

while the Buzzcocks, who broke up in 1982, re-formed in 1990. Among the qualifiers for the Frank Sinatra recording in the late 70s to award for never quite managing to bow out is Gary Numan. His last Top 20 hit, in 1987, was a re-release of mer, at the age of 49.

Another cult band, Velvet
Underground, relaunched back this year — with a rein 1993. 23 years after it re-release of Cars.

> The young audience appeared unimpressed with the | countant types and the odd in-

less finished the set, which in-cluded such classics as God

ingrad Cowboys and American group Bad Religion, who were probably still in nappies when the Sex Pistols were

first spat at on stage. Since announcing the temporary reunion in March, the group, now all 40-plus, have reverted to type, boasting about the fortune they'll make. But this is not at all certain: Finsbury Park failed to sell out, despite months of advertising and a bill featuring fellow old-timers Stiff Little Fingers and the

1980s, had expressed the hope reviewers' wheelchairs would get stuck in the mud. One presumes he meant the decades of mud encrusted in fans grubby leather jackets. Some of them must have been in storage for years, awaiting this moment. Their owners were a combination of multiearringed diehards, 40-ish ac-

punk legends and were more | credulous youth, who peered | think this is all really sad, but interested in local heroes Len- | at Stiff Little Fingers | that's what makes it great."

surprisingly, the Buzzcocks' balding singer, Pete Shelley, seemed to agree: Haven't you had enough nostalgia yet?" he asked at the beginning of a set composed mostly of new material.

As far as everyone seemed to be concerned, this was more a holiday in the sun (as an early single put it) than a summons to the barricades. Punk may have once been a clarion call to disaffected youth, but the few safety pins on display last night were

Morat, 32, sported a defiant Dolls, who sent punters scur-fuck You hadge, but con-fessed: "It's just a laugh. I stall.

Backstage, camera crews

wandered around looking for old luminaries to buttonhole. They came up with Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit. The England footballer Stuart Pearce was also on the guest list. Out front, young bands like Skunk Anansie and the 60-Ft Dolls kept things ticking over as the Pistols readied

Skunk's vocalist Skin, a thin, ferocious black woman, would have made a dandy punk. One of the day's few performers possessing a mod-Rotten, who reclaimed the worn nostalgically, not icum of the genre's original rame John Lydon when he moved to California in the Blue-haired Londoner warm response. Not so 60 Ft

Ministers 'meddling' in post row

ABOUR and the unions levelled charges of ideological meddling against the Government last night after ministers confirmed that they were prepared to consider suspending the Post Office monopoly over the delivery of letters — but only if the cur-rent industrial action drags

sure was attributed in weekthe Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, to Ian Michael Heseltine, to Ian Lang, his successor as Trade Secretary. But Mr Lang appears to have already had that option in mind when considering the day-long strikes by the Communication Workers Union (UCW), which began last week.

Though it was officially un-

Though it was officially un-confirmed, Mr Heseltine wrote to Mr Lang. "I hope you are preparing to suspend the monopoly in the event of this action going on." MPs inter-preted that as the action of a would-be privatiser who had been thwarted by all-party resistance at Westminster. But an early move to let private operators run services seems unlikely, not least be-cause — unlike 1971, when

to have its monopoly lifted during a protracted dispute the current stoppages are brief and have only just

begun.
"We have obviously not how the strike develops over time," one ministerial source said last night, as up to 100,000 postal workers were clearing the backlog caused by Friday's 24-hour stoppage, the first serious trouble in the

industry since 1988.

It is caused by the Post Office's new methods of pay and practices, which are said to world of multiple choice altertodav.

Interviewed on BBC1, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, Robin Cook, refused to be drawn into direct support of the union, but criticised what his colleague, Peter Hain, an UCW-sponsored MP, called "overt political interference."

Mr Cook protested: "I would regard it as deeply damaging and indeed vindictive on behalf of the Govern-ment if it was to tackle the monopoly over the letter sup-ply by the Post Office. [It] is the most efficient post office

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'Charismatic' Papandreou loses long battle for life

Helena Smith in Athens

LAGS flew at half mast in Greece yesterday as thousands converged on the Or-thodox cathedral in Athens to mourn the death of Andreas Papandreou, the former

Socialist prime minister.

After miraculously emerging in March from intensive care, having waged a four-month battle for his life, Papandreou died of cardiac failure at his suburban home

esterday. He was 77. His wife Dimitra Liani, ged 41, whose influence inflamed controversy during her husband's last term in

The once fiery leader, who been ill since open-heart sur- | honours on Wednesday.

"national loss" hy friends and foes across the spectrum. In Washington, President Bill Clinton expressed sadness at the death of "one of the

most influential political leaders in modern Greek history".

John Major called Papandreou a "charismatic leader",
while President Jacques
Chirac of France praised his

commitment to Europe. "The vacuum that the death of Andreas Papandreou leaves in the political arena which he himself shaped, will be difficult to fill," said Milti-ades Evert, the conservative opposition leader, as politi-cians and celebrities filed past his flag-draped coffin.

The former prime minister will lie in state at Athens's reluctantly made way for a Orthodox cathedral until he

Briton gets drugs bail in Thailand

Influential father wins rare deal for daughter on trafficking charge

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

BRITISH-BORN tourist and former Southamp-ton college student is to appear in Bangkok's high court on Wednesday to defend trafficking charges in a case raising unusual interest be-cause of an extraordinary bail deal struck with Thai authorities by her father, a senior insurance executive. Lisa Marie Smith, aged 20,

left Bangkok's Lard Yao prison on bail 10 days ago, nearly five months after her arrest on charges of carrying opium and amphetamines. The charge was later changed to smuggling cannabis, carrying a possible 10-year jail sentence.

Her release came after her father Terry Smith, based in Hong Kong as regional chief of National Mutual Assurance, one of Australia's biggest insurance companies, flew to Thailand to negotiate amounted to nearly £40,000. Her whereabouts since

leaving Lard Yao are unknown. Few prisoners are allowed bail by Thai authorities, stung by other Western beneficiaries who seized the opportunity to flee the country. No ball is thought to have been available to the other 29

British prisoners, including three women, who are imprisoned in Thailand, 14 of them on drug-related charges.

Ms Smith's lawyer, Putiri

Marie Smith's mysteri-

ous bail may revive some of

ous beau may rethe anguish that wracked
Sandra Gregory when a
Thai judge freed Robert
Lock in February after
three years' in jail on the

charges. On her evidence, he was paying her to carry

the heroin that put her be-

hind bars, writes Nick Cum-

same drug trafficking get home.

Kuvanonda, declined to comment but confirmed that her release was not linked to an amnesty accorded some prisoners for the 50th anniversary of King Bhumibol's accession to the Thai throne.

Mr Puttri played down speculation about whether cerned, she is going to defend her case in court."

At the time of her arrest in February, Ms Smith, who has dual British and Australian nationality, pleaded ignorance to carrying drugs which customs officers found in a bag she was carrying. She said the bag had been given her by a Pakistani man she met at a bar in the northern city of Chiang Mai.

Release highlights plight of 'unluckier' woman

aged 30, who claimed she fell for Mr Lock's deal out

of desperation. She had been teaching English in Thailand, had fallen ill and

Thai police acting on a British embassy tip-off ar-rested Mr Lock at the air-

No wealthy relatives was carrying no drugs. case, also acted for Mr were on hand to assist They had no interest in Lock.

run short of money and that the Pakistani man had offered her £1,000 and a paid air ticket to carry the bag to Tokyo and deliver it to a contact who would meet her at the airport

Ms Smith's confinement in Ms Smith would attend the "Bangkok Hilton", as in-Wednesday's hearing. He mates dub Lard Yao women's said: "As far as I am con-prison, was the low ebb in a prison, was the low ebb in a life of material privilege that now appears to have rescued her from the indignities of a steamy, overcrowded cell.

The former prizewinning

student and experienced traveller was enjoying a holiday in Thailand paid for as a Christmas present by her wealthy parents when, by her account, she fell for the smooth patter of a stranger and agreed to carry a bag for him that just happened to Police were unimpressed because the bag was open and no attempt had been made to conceal the drugs.

him that just happened to contain drugs.

"I cannot believe how stupid I have been," she said.

in with Mr Lock and they found her to be carrying

Mr Lock denied any in-volvement with the drugs,

mum sentence and faces 25

The top Bangkok lawyer

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needed the £1,000 she said pleaded not guilty and Lock offered her to help her walked free. She pleaded guilty, received the mini-

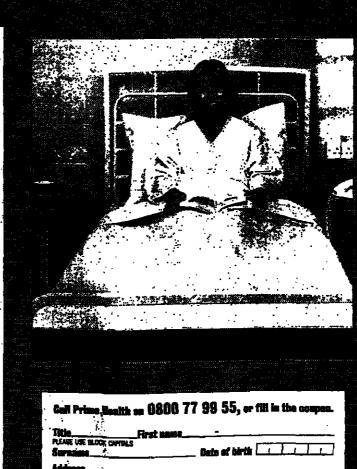
port as he was checking in Puttri Kuvanonda, who is for a flight to Tokyo, but he working on Ms Smith's

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"At home I was exposed to people like Bob Fosse and Sidney Lumet. They were so much fun and had so much to say that I knew I wanted to be like them."

HE disclosure of Lisa | Gregory, a former teacher,

Ellen Simon

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Sandra Gregory; jailed for 25 years as dealer walked

Police seek top Sinn Fein man

David Sharrock

ERRY Kelly, one of Sinn Fein's chief negotiators in last year's Stormont talks, was being sought by police last night over his es-cape from arrest during clashes at a loyalist parade on

Ten police officers and three civilians were injured during disturbances at the Orange parade in north Bel-fast, which skirted nationalist districts. Mr Kelly, who was accompanied by many repub-licans, was arrested, handcuffed and put in the back of a police Land Rover, but then allowed out to speak to senior officers. As the RUC came under attack from stone and bottle-throwers, Mr Kelly fled through the crowds.

Later the convicted IRA bomber and Maze prison es-caper claimed he had been assaulted by police before being handcuffed.

Yesterday Superintendent Michael Brown confirmed that Mr Kelly was wanted for questioning over alleged pub-lic order offences, He said: "Gerry Kelly had been ar-rested on suspicion of public order offences. At Mr Kelly's request, he had been allowed out of the Land Rover to speak to police. He later managed to make off through the

Mr Brown said Mr Kelly, who was elected to represent north Belfast in last month's Northern Ireland elections, would be interviewed about the matter and a report pre-pared for consideration with a view to prosecution.

was a member of the first Provisional IRA team to bomb and broken fingers.

London when he was still in his teens. Around 200 people were injured and one man died of a heart attack when bombs exploded at the Old Bailey, Whitehall and Scotland Yard. Caught trying to return to Ireland, he was given two life sentences. After transfer to prison in Northern Ireland, he was one of the leaders of the mass break-out from the Maze and went on

the run for years.
In 1986 he was recaptured in Amsterdam and, after a long extradition battle, was returned to Northern Ireland. Between 1990 and 1993 he took part in secret talks with

the British Government, alongside Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness. In February this year, his involvement became less secret, as the 41-year-old west Belfast man stood unsmiling at the back of a Sinn Fein delegation which faced the cameras outside Stormont Castle.

He has been described by some Dublin newspapers as the IRA's adjutant general, a claim he has denied. His latest brush with the police came hours before John Major was saying Sinn Fein and IRA leaders were "the reverse side of the same

multiple fractures to his arms and legs together with puncture injuries across his body sledgehammer and spiked sticks. He was confronted by four masked men in Downpai rick, County Down, late last night. The man tried to flee but was chased and beaten.

In Londonderry, a 36-year-old man was attacked by five or six masked men. He was Mr Kelly is no stranger to hit with baseball bats, sticks being on the run. In 1973 he and iron bars and suffered a



Sadler's Wells closes before next encore

Dan Glaister and John Ezard report

"How we all detested Sadler's Wells when it was

"HAT was John Gielgud in 1931, the year he acted in the London theatre's first production with the Old Vic company. He was not the only one. Since it opened, Sadler's Wells has provoked exasperation and love from its performers, backstage and dministrative staff in not

quite equal measure.

Last night that changed. A ,500-strong sell-out audience for a cabaret finale perfor-mance saw the last curtain fall. It is to be replaced by astate-of-the-art, 1,600-seat

theatre, which will host dance | Fonteyn, Alicia Markova's | ular summer visiting place. | ter of the Air, was first per-

lottery money without which | theatre. the theatre would have had to late Tatiana Troyanos to her bery, the chief executive. Last night couples with had an £800 price tag. Miyako Thermos flasks queued to say Yoshida's tutu for the Sleepgoodbye in the frugal spirit of its founding genius Lilian Bayliss, who started an opera and ballet company "for the masses" there in 1931.

Inside bits of the stage were on sale as 250 paperweights. In the old practice room where Ninette de Valois dis-

and opera, in 1998.

The Sadler's Wells plan has on offer for a few pounds to been aided by £30 million of raise funds for the new

John Gielgud (above left) who detested the theatre, and a ballet dress from Sleeping Beauty which was part of the sale

ing Beauty was up for £1,500. It was a jumble sale of performing history. In the main theatre Godfrey

Kenton — an actor with Giel gud in the inaugural 1931 production — led the company in the sad and proud finale. Sadler's Wells was origi-

formed at Sadler's Wells a de-Two workmen discovered a fresh water spring in the gar-den of Mr Sadler's Musick House in 1683 when digging for gravel, and Sadler's New Tunbridge Wells was born.

Early entertainment included music, dancing, singing, melodrama, pantomime, tumbling and wire-walking. Dr Johnson was impressed by The Learned Pig. The storm-ing of the Bastille was staged six weeks after the event it-self, and the Battle of Gibraltar inaugurated the new-fan gled water-theatre.

A version of the Magic Flute by Mozart, The Daugh-

the low reputation by Samuel Phelps, who staged 31 Shakespeare plays during 18 years running the venue. It was saved from roller skating by

aged two and a half.

cade before the opera we

know today was introduced in

Britain. The legendary clown

Joe Grimaldi made his first

Miss Baylis. Sadler's Wells has played host to many famous compa-

The theatre was saved from

nies, but they have all been forced out by the poor conditions. The Royal Ballet was Theatre.

appearance at Sadler's Wells Star dancers have appeared at Sadler's Wells in recent years, from Michael Clark to Margot Fonteyn, but the

to the Coliseum.

theatre is possibly best remembered for the eccentric productions of mime artist Lindsay Kemp. Before the new Sadler's Wells opens the company will

decamp to the Royalty Theatre, Kingsway, to be renamed

born when the Sadler's Wells

Ballet moved to Covent Gar-den; the English National

Opera came about when the

Sadler's Wells Opera moved

Police say 'road Danes 'try to sink Greenpeace boats' rage' victim did not know killer

Duncan Campbell

OLICE investigating the M25 murder of Stephen Cameron yesterday dismissed as pure speculation suggestions that Mr Cameron had known his attacker and that the man they want to interview about the killing had once been a police informer.

A spokesman for Kent police said they had been aware of theories that the murder was not the "road rage" killing that had been originally suggested. The police say they have no evidence that the murder was premeditated.

Detective Superintendent Nick Biddiss, who is leading the inquiry, said yesterday that new allegations that the death had been due to an ar-gument over a debt were purely speculative. The police are continuing to sift through thousands of items of information.

Mr Cameron, aged 21, died after being stabbed in the chest on May 19 at the M25/M20 interchange in Kent. His girlfriend, Danielle Cable, 17, saw the attack.

"I have no reason to believe the victim knew the aggressor," Mr Biddiss said. "I am not going to speculate. At this

The two named are up to £200,000.

Anthony Francis, and Kenneth Noye, 47, the man jailed for 14 years for handling the proceeds of the Brink's-Mat robbery. The police are still uncertain as to whether Mr Francis is a real person or a criminal alias. He is described as aged 20 to 30, 6ft tall and stocky. He is the owner of a dark blue or grey Land Rover Discovery, regis-tration number L794 JTF. He

country last month and is said to have been in Spain, Cyprus, France and Russia since then. Mr Noye was acquitted of the murder in Jantective John Fordham. He is alleged to have been a police informer and to have had a corrupt relationship with a

Mr Cameron's family reacted angrily to the claims that he was killed over a debt. Michael Cameron. 33, his brother, said: "It is absolute rubbish to suggest that Stephen knew who attacked him. He had no connection whatsoever with whoever did it — that is the line we are taking and I know it is the line the police are taking."

parents' home in Swanley less than two miles from where stage, we have named two the murder took place. He men we would like to speak to said they had seen a newsmen we would like to speak to said they had seen a news-in order to eliminate them paper report that their son was murdered over a debt of

has not been seen at his address in Bexley, Kent, since Mr Nove also left the

He was speaking from his

took a different view and car. | Protected whales Paul Brown Environment Corr

ANISH trawlermen stabled Greenpeace inflatables with knives on poles and used grappling | The Danes used grappling hooks during a confrontation hooks in an attempt to 25 miles off the Firth of Forth remove the boom and three yesterday. A Greenpeace boat also be-

came entangled in trawl wires and the crew on the inflatable was flipped into the water during an hour-long struggle to prevent the trawlers fishing on the Wee Bankie, an ecologically sensitive area.

Volunteers on the boat, the Sirius, have spent seven weeks patrolling the Wee Bankie to try and prevent the trawlers sucking up thou-sands of tonnes of sand cels for the Danish industrial fish-eries. This is the first time the trawlers have decided to fish in the area. The fish are pro-cessed and used for fertiliser, animal feed and for the manufacture of cakes and biscuits.

Earlier yesterday one of the British vessels involved in the trade, Omega B, left the area rather than be taken on by Greenpeace. The Danes to feed their young.

ried on fishing. The crew of the Sirius lowered an oil boom into the water in the path of one vessel, Jannie, and put five swimmers in to the water to hold it in place. other trawlers came to the ship's aid. The crew of one vessel tied knives to the end

of poles and stabbed Greenpeace inflatables repeatedly. The trawl nets were still in use and one inflatable became entangled in the wires, was

swamped, and flipped over in One of the campaigners Stephen Flothmann, said: Fortunately the people in the water only suffered bumps and bruises but using

knives on poles against infla-tables and grappling hooks with swimmers in the water is very dangerous."

The industrial fishery has tionists and the British Gov ernment because it takes 40,000 tonnes of sand eels a year. Many birds, particu-larly puffins, rely on sand eels

smuggled into Japan to be served in top restaurants

rants, the International Whaling Commission will be told in Aberdeen today. dolphin steaks on sale in Japan, submitted to the commission's scientific committee, proves the in-ternational ban on hunting

barrassment to Japan and Norway, both of which have domestic laws banning international trade in whale meat. Norway, whose whalers have been

PROTECTED whales are being hunted and smuggled to Japan to be served in exclusive restau-DNA testing of whale and

endangered species is not being fully observed. The report will be an em-

its kill of minke whales wa

for home consumption. Among the whales Japan has been caught "harvest-ing" this year is a West Pa-cific grey whale of which less than 100 are thought to

Scott Baker of Auckland bought whale meat on the open market in Japan. He then DNA tested it to see which species it came from. Among the species were North Atlantic minke, which swim near the British Isles and are only caught officially by Nor-

whale, which comes from the tropics and is supposed to be completely protected. The IWC is coming under heavy pressure from envi ronment groups because of its failure to regulate the trade in whale meat. Com-

way, and the Bryde's

mercial whaling is growing at about 10 per cent a year. Vassili Papastavrou, a member of the scientific committee, said: "The problem is that one carcase of a caught smuggling 60 tonnes of whale meat to Japan this year, has always claimed \$100,000 in Japan."

News in brief

GP's NHS computer deal 'cleared'

THE Department of Health insisted there was "nothing irregular" in the financial arrangements for developing NHS computer systems, after Labour demanded a ministerial inquiry. Growing criticism of the arrangements has centred on the cosition of Dr James Read, a former GP who invented a systematical systematical and the cost of coding clinical terms. The system is said to have earned his private company at least £5 million from the NHS while he is simultaneously head of the NHS centre for coding and classification.

Harriet Harman, shadow health secretary, yesterday called on ministers to take NHS computer development "by the scruff of the neck". But a health department spokeswoman said there was no cause for concern as Dr Read's terms had been the subject of advice by Hambros Bank and his company was paid £75 a year for each GP using his system. — David Brindle.

Second hacker faces charges

ASECOND Briton has been accused of hacking into US military computers, a year after the arrest of a teenager on the same charges, Scotland Yard said last night

Information technology technician Mathew Bevan, 21, from Cardiff, is to appear before Bow Street magistrates. London, on July 11. Already hailed to appear at the same time is Richard Pryce, 18, a music student, who is said to have been 16 when he allegedly tapped into the US secret systems using a computer in his bedroom in Colindale, north-west London.

Youths lack 'staying power'

YOUTHISM — the opposite of ageism — emerged yesterday in Britain after the owner of a garden shop in the West Midlands advertised for employees over 80.

Graham Payne said he wanted staff of this age because he is dissatisfied with attitudes of local youngsters. He said he had interviewed eight young applicants and appointed two who had left after two days. Mr Payne added: "It seems youngsters in Walsall are a bit work-shy so we're looking for people over 80. We want someone with a bit of staying power."

Nine share Lottery jackpot

NINE ticket holders share this week's £19.4 million rollover jackpot. The amount for each winner, who chose numbers 3, 4, 7, 11, 17 and 40, will be £2,159,561, organisers Camelot said.

Violent fathers 'use child access to abuse ex-partners' tic violence often used contact | cases where there are allega-

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

FATHERS who separate from their families after domestic violence should not be allowed to see their children unless safe contact ar-rangements can be made, a lilies Need Fathers, said: "We

with their children as a means of continuing to abuse

But a men's pressure group says the study, based on 53 cases, should not be regarded as representative. Bruce Lid-

tions of violence. The research, funded by the Joseph Rowntree and Nuf-

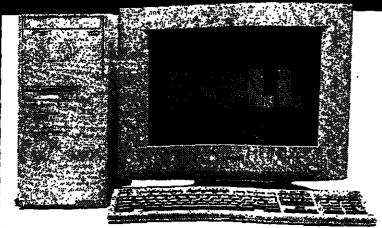
field foundations, was carried out by social policy specialists at Bristol university and the Roehampton Institute. London. The researchers said they did not attempt to inter-view the former partners of report out today has argued.

The research indicated that there should be a premen with a history of domes—sumption of no contact in all of triggering further abuse. the 53 women victims for fear

The report, contrasting British practice with that in Denmark, accused some professionals in family law and welfare of allowing fathers' contact rights to take prece-

dence over the safety of women and children. Domestic Violence and Child Contact in England and Denmark; Policy Press, Grange Road, Bristol BS8 4EA; £11.95.

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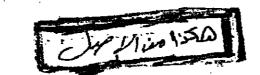


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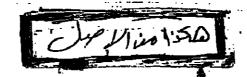


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Fenland constituency applauds Major for placating Euro sceptics ● PM hopes Gardiner will beat deselection vote

Rebels in the Body politic

Peter Hetherington meets Euro-foes

HE tide of Euro-scepticism sweeping through the Conservatives of Boston and Skegness finally en-gulfed Muriel Halls at the annual meeting of the local

Tory association.
As the Prime Minister, fresh from Florence, prepared for more battles with Brussels over the imposition of health and safety measures, a shorter working week and reform of a detested common fisheries policy, the retired head teacher could only shud-der at the prospects for her beloved party. "Where is John Major's po-

sition on Europe?" she asked anxiously in a corner of the Tory club while agonising about a growing nationalist tendency in her midst. "I don't think anyone knows. I am a Euro realist but I feel he has bent over backwards to placate the Euro sceptics to the extent that he has unleashed something he cannot

But while it had not been a good night for Muriel Halls, most of the 50 or so other senior Tories from the Lin-colnshire seat of Holland with Boston, gathered to elect offi-

had resigned as a vice chairman of the association be-

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Richard Body with constituents at Boston, Lincolnshire, where his stand on Europe has won him wide support

"Not many people take Muriel's line any longer," confided a party stalwart, de-lighted that John Major appeared to standing up for England. "We're fed up with the way Brussels seems to be taking over our lives. If anything, we're stronger on this

than many MPs."
The faithful had just heard cers for the coming year, a passionate Euro-sceptical were content, even happy.

Two months ago Mrs Halls Body. MP for Holland with a passionate Euro-sceptical Boston, a long-standing critic

contributions to the EU.

After standing successfully as an "anti Common Market Conservative" during the 1970s, many of his one-time critics — then backing the pro-Brussels Tory line - are now firm supporters.

In Boston, and Tory associations around the country, there is now strong support for the stand of Sir Richard and seven other former whip-less rebels. They want to force the party into such a Euro-

weekend annual meeting, she | fold in February, 15 months | fisheries policies, which | approvingly. The rank and | failed to get re-elected. "I was | after resigning the Tory whip | would lead to Britain leaving | file, he insisted, were roforced out." she said bluntly. | in protest at increased British | the EU, say Europhiles. | "We really are at a crucial point in our nation's history. insists Sir Richard. "People

here are telling me that they originally voted for a free trade area - not this. They feel conned and say they are being taken for a ride." While Mrs Halls disagrees

on the sidelines, he insists: "They're not xenophobes. on behalf of their country." Dick Edginton, chairman of the local Tory association and

ing some MPs the way. "People are proud to be Brit-ish. It's not in our interest to be subsumed by conglomerate.

Lawrence Rich, a bursar in a local grammar school and vice chairman, added: "I have seen a considerable hardening of attitude on Europe over the past 12 months."

But among some, scepti-cism is clearly moving towards hostility and pressure to withdraw. Downing man of the association be cause of unease over her party's stand on the EU. At the large do not have the control of the association be cause of unease over her party's stand on the EU. At the large do not have the control of the large do not have the large do not

we should come out — what's best for England." Outside, in Boston's bustling market, the mood among shoppers and stallholders — some of them Labour voters — appears equally hostile. "We've got to resist federalism at all costs," said Fred Warren, a longstanding Labour voter, be-hind the plant stall he has occupied for 30 years. "Lots

PHOTOGRAPH: STUART GOODMAN

are sceptical." Sue Southwell, who sells flowers, concurred. A long-standing Tory voter, she will switch to Labour at the next election. But she insists: "We shouldn't be in Europe. I want us out. I am British."

Arch Euro-sceptic still ready to quit

HE Tory Euro-sceptic
MP Sir George Gardiner
yesterday held to his resignation threat in the face of twin pressures: Reigate constituents demanding his dese-lection as candidate for the next general election and those who want to keep him but don't want him to trigger a byelection if they lose.

Though John Major and his chief whip, Alastair Goodlad, are steering clear of the cam-paign against the Thatcherite arch-plotter who has been a persistent critic, they will be wanting Sir George to survive Friday night's vote in the Surrey constituency.

'It's not in our interests to have people deselected; it just destablises the parliamentary party," one government busi ness manager said as MPs wrote privately to the constituency urging caution. Another byelection defeat would destroy Mr Major's Commons majority of one.

As the battle got personal in the week before 1,100 Reigate party members decide Sir George's fate, 51 anti-Gardiner Tories circulated a letter accusing him of disloyalty and blackmail in saying he will resign immediately if not

reselected as their candidate.
Obliquely referring to his media campaigns, his support for John Redwood's leadership challenge and his byelec tion threat, the letter said three years of such activity "make it unacceptable for Sir George to be our candidate.

"Labour has been unelecta ble for nearly a generation, due in no small measure to the behaviour of its rebel elements. In our view, the Conservative Party risks a similar fate if it enters a new parliament with members such as



Sir George Gardiner: 'I will fight to the end'

After last month's 15-14 decision — Gardiner supporters claim it was 15-15 — by the Reigate executive to open the selection process to other can-didates, the letter concludes: "We believe that readoption now would be a greater disservice to country, government and party than the risk of res-

ignation and byelection."

Last night Sir George, who is 61, called the letter ludicrous. He said he would defend his record at Friday meeting and resign as MP on Monday if he failed "I'm not counting my chickens. My supporters are optimistic, but the day will tell and I will fight to the end."

The MP, who has a 17,664

majority, added: "If the meeting shows I have lost the confidence of my party members, then the only honourable

New dangers ahead for Major

After his beef 'victory', the PM must avoid political traps, writes Michael White political traps, writes Michael White political traps, writes Michael White

ernment through a month-long political minefield which could decide whether his premiership survives until next spring — or whether he risks an election gamble in the

Renewed speculation about the Government's being forced into an October or November election appeared to have sobered potential Eurorebels, alongside talk of a reshuffle which is guaranteed to raise backbench hopes of promotion as well as cabinet ears of a cull at the top.

Even the mounting prosfor ministers as well as MPs | hind them," said another. | reverse the amendment, un- | what they say within the priv- | eroded in recent years.

OHN Major will today — may help cement party easy ride from his own side resume his libel act start drawing on the unity through the dangerous during his post-Florence against the Guardian in thority to see his government break, probations afternoon will be followed. It was stopped by a c bly on July 23. But some Tory MPs fear that Tony Blair may be lying in wait to exploit a vote for sharply higher pay. Despite Mr Major's conspicopposition ill-ease on it. MPs will be asked to decide

uous failure to sell his "beef war" deal as a victory to the Tory press in the wake of the Florence summit, Euro-sceptic Conservative MPs were last night showing little or no disposition to live up to their threats to join with the Oppo-sition and vote the package

"They've seen sense at last," said one loyalist." Rightwing Tories with rural seats want to get this one beBut Mr Major's hopes of an

later tonight by a series of votes on the third reading of the Defamation Bill — which could result in a government defeat if some Tory MPs share

whether to allow individual colleagues to waive their his-toric rights of parliamentary privilege so they can use material covered by such privi-lege — their Commons questions, speeches and motions — to pursue an action for defamation or libel against

Labour and the Liberai ers wondering why they Democrats will be seeking to could not sue politicians for

the Lords. It could have the effect of allowing the ex-minister, Neil Hamilton, to resume his libel action against the Guardian in the

It was stopped by a court decision that the newspaper could not mount a full defence of justification since it could not cross-examine Mr Hamilton about anything he had said or done in Parliament because of privilege.

Mr Hamilton and many

supporters argue passion-ately that he is the victim of an anomaly. Law lords and many MPs have countered strongly that granting an individual MP a right to waive privilege would endanger Parliament's collective privileges — and could leave vot-

provide cheaper fast-track ac-cess to sue, has widespread support. But MPs will also vote on whether to accept gov-ernment-backed change to cut the time in which an individual can start a legal action for defamation or libel from three years to one, except in Scotland. Tory MPs will be whipped to support the

On pay Tony Blair is sus-pected of planning to exploit the spectacle of Conservative MPs voting to implement a Top Salaries Review Body (TSRB) report on their own pay early next month.

Talk of pay rises of up to 30 per cent for £34,000 a year for

backbenchers may be com-pounded, weekend reports suggest, by rises of up to 40 per cent for ministers whose pay has been spectacularly

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pleasant.

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MPs and peers visit Harley Street specialist to take testosterone leaf out of Gorman's book

Michael White

POLITICIANS responded with hardened fatalism yesterday to the latest indignity to befall their pro-fession: the claim by a Harley Street specialist that at least eight MPs and six peers are receiving the male equivalent of hormone replacement therapy. For voters who regard the House of Commons as far too laddish, even with-out artificial testosterone

boosts, the news may go some way towards explain-ing the Euro 96 character of some sessions of prime minister's question time or the frequency with which Tory MPs fall into sexual adventures.

Unsurprisingly, yester-day's report in the Sunday Times identified the doctor, Malcolm Carruthers, the

tosterone prescriptions the kind of performance enhancement banned on the athletics track.

Even more unsurprisingly, those high-profile, testosterone Tories approached by the newspaper hecause of past indiscretions denied all knowledge of the medical breakthrough. Jonathan Aitken, Hartley Booth and Steven Norris were among those who proffered no comment

or laughed it off. One MP with an impeccable private life quipped: "If this stuff works I'll order Another said: have nothing to say; I am

some." returning to the bosom of my family."

But Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay and a muchteased champion of HRT, took the opportunity to settle a few scores: "Trust

2.000 men now taking tes- | She did not mind testosterone being used to stop her colleagues from becoming grumpy old men — as long as it didn't "turn them into young lotharios".

That is the big question. Though one doctor was quoted as as saying "it will | help at elections" — almos| certainly a misprint ché about power being an aphrodisiac is precisely that. They work long, unglamorous hours and nowadays are even wary of strong drink.

This was not always the case. At the height of Victorian respectability, Lord Palmerston, the prime minister, was in danger of being cited in a paternity suit. His great rival, Dis-raeli, no testosterone-deprived slouch in his youth, said it should be kept a secret, lest Palmerston, includes MPs among the them to get in on the act." then 80, sweep the country.

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Days numbered for EU's new truce

John Palmer in Florence and Michael White

RITAIN and its European Union partners are resigned to the prospect of further friction, despite the weekend agreement on lifting the beef ban, as both sides do battle over the future of the Union.

The scene was set for continuing antagonism when it was decided at the Florence summit to accelerate preparations for a new treaty on closer political union. Negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty are now expected to come to a climax in the

Other points of friction include the expected rejection by the European Court of Jus-

Ministers are furious at what they see as an attempt by the EU majority to get round Britain's opt-out from the Maastricht social chapter and impose a maximum working week via the back door: using health and safety legislation — where majority voting applies — to enforce a non-safety policy.

The Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, called the EU tactics a disgrace yesterday and warned that the Govern ment would, if necessary, demand a change in the law at the inter-governmental con-ference (IGC). But Britain would not defy the court ruling.

Renewed tension over the wider IGC agenda looms. Aware that progress in drawing up a new treaty — which most EU governments

Britain is set to fall out with its partners once again as it prepares to fight plans for greater pooling of sovereignty

see as a step to closer union — has been slow, the other 14 leaders, led by President Jacques Chirac of France with the support of the German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, have asked the Irish government to call a special meeting of the heads of government after it assumes the EU presi-

dency on July I.

probably on October 19, a week after the Conservative Party conference and coincid-ing with Sir James Gold-smith's Referendum Party's first conference in Brighton, where potential election can-didates will be named. "The analysis of the issues

It will be held in Dublin,

is at present sufficiently ad-

their final communique after the summit. The IGC can now turn to seeking balanced solutions to the main political issues raised."

They went on to identify a series of highly controversial reforms, including more majority vote decisions, greater powers for the European Parliament, and the pooling of sovereignty in key areas of foreign, security and defence policy, justice and immigration.

Britain is in a small minority opposing change to the present treaty on almost all those points. Mr Rifkind went out of his way yesterday to distinguish between the en-

vanced," the leaders said in | thusiasm shown by governments and the suspi their electorates, who will nitimately decide.

The Florence summit rub-

ber-stamped progress reports on preparations for monetary union by 1999. To the anger of Tory sceptics, Kenneth Clarke said that Britain "might conceive the circumstances" in which it joined from the start.
But, with the chancellor's

active support, the summit failed to back a plea by the Commission president, Jacques Santer, for an extra £800 million to invest in job creation in the EU's Trans-European Network (TENs) in-

Mr Santer expressed his disappointment and said: "To tolerate the continuing unemployment of so many millions of our people is unacceptable."

Mr Clarke said that key projects lacked neither EU funds nor the prospect of backing from the private sec tor. Where there were delays, he said, they were with regard to the viability of a

Britain had powerful allies in the TENs debate, but will not have for the IGC. Hailing the decision to ac celerate the IGC talks. Mr Santer said it was a "political

Mr Kohl was even more up-

cal union would now be "going full blast".

John Major also gave the

decision a warm welcome, saying that the special summit could help clarify key de-cisions about what kind of European Union would emerge by the end of the

"The sooner we can actu-ally see the substantial detailed points of what everyone proposes to put in the treaty. the sooner we can get down to genuine debates rather than shadow boxing "he said. But he went on to rule out Britain's agreeing to more majority voting, or any "sub-stantial" new powers for the European Parliament — a

bottom line issue for many of

his backbenchers. Before leaving Florence Mr Major said he hoped that

beat and claimed that pro-gress towards European polit-ineed to repeat Britain's veto would not hesitate to do so if there was any threat to a 'serious British national

As a token of goodwill. Mr Major also agreed on imple-menting the convention setting up Europol, the embryo European Union police agency. This will allow the European Court to be used to settle Europol-related disputes between all member

states except Britain. Mr Major's recent speeches extolling the virtues of a Europe of flexible geometry are being studied closely by other EU governments. Some leaders believe this is the flip side of their desire to be free to move to what the Florence summit communique described as "strengthened co-operation" in the future.

Four winters with wolves and bears

A 'dead' woman has survived.

Julian Borger reports from Jaice

ish in the forests and aban doned villages of the central Bosnian highlands.

The last thing he expected to see was the crouching form of a woman. She froze in the area and a peace agreeterror when he called out to

In the dawn light he saw a dressed in rags, who seemed oddly familiar. When she said her name was Zejna Elkaz, he almost fainted.

Ms Elkaz, aged 46, had last been seen more than three years ago running from the scene of a massacre. That was on November 2 1992, the day Bosnian Serb militiamen laid waste to the village of

Some of the villagers who fed dried fruit and nuts. escaped found their way to She is now staying with a refugee camps from where a former Muslim neighbour, Rifew. like Mr Pejic, are returning. Ms Elkaz disappeared and after four bitter winters

was given up for dead. Hers is one of the most extraordinary survival stories in a war of brutal extremes. She lived for 44 months among the bears and wolves, eating mushrooms, walnuts and berries, practically hibernating in a shelter made from branches and plastic sheeting.

Sometimes it would be so cold that when I took off my socks, skin would come off with them," she says, at a friend's house in Jajce, where

she is recovering.

She says the wolves and bears never attacked her. Some of the bears were huge 200 kilos [440lb] at least and there were times when they came within one and a half metres of me. But I would bang on a piece of plastic and

they would run away. them. We learnt to live with one another. The bears would climb up the trees and break off a branch, and then sit on the ground eating the fruit. But they always left some fruit behind and I think that was for me." Her fear was reserved for

the Chetniks - the Serb fighters. In November 1992 they crowded 11 Cvitovici villagers Muslims and Croats — into a house and threw a grenade AJKO PEJIC was hunting for wild pigs. but through the open door. killing Ms Elkaz's mother and six others. Ms Elkaz escaped by jumping out of a window.

Her dread was so intense that she refused to believe Mr Petic when he told her when they met in the forest that the Serbs had been driven out of ment had been signed.

Ms Elkaz could not under stand why, if the Serbs had been driven out last autumn, there were only Croats and no Muslims in town. In her isolation she had heard nothing of the Muslim-Croat war which tore apart central Bosnia for most of 1993.

She talks quietly, occasionally drawing her hand across her face and half turning away in shyness. Her only conversation in the woods was with the birds which she

fet Mesinovic, who insists that he always believed she would turn up.

"Most people from Cvitovici said she was dead. But there were about 30 per cent of us who felt she had survived. She was always a tough person, a loner. She never married, or had children — just lived with her mother," he said.

The doctor who first examined her, Enes Ribic, a fellow Muslim returnee, was aston-ished at her quiet letermination.

"She is very sharp. She understands everything," he said. "Is she normal? I would say she is a little more normal than the rest of us.

"She is a biological phenomenon. I have looked at the books and found no record of any woman living wild for that length of time. "There were Japanese sol-

diers in the Philippine jungle for 20 or 30 years, but that was on the equator. Here in Bosnia, we have winters when the temperature drops



Bowing out . . . Archbishop Desmond Tutu welcomes guests outside St George's cathedral. Cape Town, to a farewell service yesterday before his retirement, after keeping apartheid in the world spotlight during years of harsh emergency rule and helping to lead South Africa to democracy

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African ark sells off its surplus

David Beresford sees big game hunters | sale on Saturday at an average of £6,700. and a biblical zoo quest achieve their aims

Jerusalem looked ecstatic. sitting in a tent on an African hillside, as his tid of £8.000 made him the proud owner of eight of them.

Shai Doron is trying to acquire all the animals mentioned in the Old Testament, a crusade that took him to one of the world's biggest game auctions in the Hlubluwe-Umfolozi Reserve at the weekend.

More than 200 buyers and

THE giraffe may or may not be mentioned in the Bible. But the director of the Biblical Zoo in stock 200s, safari parks and game ranches, and to provide targets for big game

Those with an eye for a bargain could snap up springbok for little more than £50 each, zebra for £220, wildebeest (gnus) for about £250 and the king of the antelope, the huge

kudu, for a mere £190. But rhino were the centre of attention. The Umfolozi, famous for effectively resspectators crowded into a cuing the white rhino from marquee at the South Africextinction, offered 133 for

The churning stomach at the airport, the constant changing of cars and hotel rooms, the wariness on the phone . . . all are replicated in Burma.

Fergal Keane

Potential buyers were given pamphlets offering tips on looking after the creatures on a country estate. Ideally, it said, they should have a suitable variety of grasses, and owners were reminded to engage gamekeepers "to reduce the threat of poaching".

Rhino horns are the stuff of poschers' dreams. Currently they fetch about £28,000 a pound in Hong Kong and Beijing, where they are prized for their legendary aphrodistac onalities. qualities. But the macho fantasies

of Westerners also contrib-ute to the rhino's value. The top selling white rhino, with a 24-inch horn, went for £13,000 to a game rancher who is expected to American hunter, making a large profit by allowing him to shoot the animal on

Once the rhino is "bagged", the horn is carefully removed and the head is chopped off and left next to an anthill to be picked clean. The skull is then cov-ered with plastic skin and the horn re-attached so that the trophy can be mounted on the wall of a hunter as evidence of his adventures

is not without its risks. An insurance salesman behind a desk in the marquee was offering cover on the animals in transit for 30 per cent of the purchase price

a premium based on an estimate of the number that

shatter their horns en

route to their new homes. The most valuable animals on sale have a more secure future than the white rhinos. Six of the smaller, more aggressive, black rhino — an endangered species and as such unavailble for hunting or rate game reserve in the

Transvaal for £138,000. But Mr Doron was not in-terested. He bought two rhino at the auction last rhino at the auction last year. He was not sure whether the giraffe met his biblical criteria, but he noted: "You must have giraffes in a zoo". In fact, the eight giraffe were something of an embarrassment of riches for Mr Doron, because his zoo

Mr Doron, because his 200 only has room for six. Eventually he sold one to a South African reserve and gave the other to the Highluwe-Umfolozi park as a gesture to conservation. He tried to sell the two surplus males to the Saudi Arabian representative, but he only wanted a pair for mating.

News in brief

Hasina takes office as Bangladesh PM

SHEIKH HASINA, head of the Awami League and daughter of Bangladesh's murdered independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, took office yesterday as prime minister. President Abdur Rahman Biswas administered the oath of

office to Sheikh Hasina, 11 ministers and eight state ministers at the presidential palace. Sheikh Hasina took power 21 years after the Awami League was ousted in a military coup in which her parents, three brothers and many relatives were killed. President Biswas invited Sheikh Hasina to form a govern

ment after the Awami League won 146 of the 300 elected seats in parliament in the June 12 general election. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) of the outgoin prime minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, became the principal opposition group with 116 seats, but so far its members have refused to be sworn in, alleging that the vote was rigged in the

The 32 deputies of the third-placed Jatiya Party, including their chief, the jailed former president Hossain Mohammad Ershad, took the parliamentary oath yesterday. The retired general, convicted of corruption in 1991, was granted a fourhour parole to attend the swearing-in ceremony. — Reuter.

Mugabe wants aid for land

THE Zimbabwean president, Robert Mugabe, has threatened to seize white farmland for resettlement by blacks — without compensation — unless Britain gives his government money for a land acquisition programme. Britain, the colonial power until independence in 1980, should help Zimbabwe's programme to resettle blacks on land given to white settlers decades ago, Mr Mugabe told a meeting of his ruling Zanu-PF party at the

paid for in the first place," he said, adding that the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, had written to him saying their two governments could negotiate on aid worth £30 million to buy the

Mr Rifkind had suggested a broad meeting of interested groups, including donor agencies and the World Bank, Mr Mugabe said. — Reuter, Horare.

Salinas bank accounts found

UNITED STATES justice department officials investigating the brother of the former Mexican president. Carlos Salinas de Gortari, have found 70 bank accounts containing money allegedly gained through bribes, according to a US television news show. The accounts in seven countries turned up during a check on

transactions involving Raul Salinas de Gortari's money with Citibank and other US banks. Mexican officials told the CBS show 60 Minutes that the accounts could hold more than \$300 million. The justice department wants to establish whether US laws were broken when Raul Salinas transferred millions of dollars from Mexico through New York to Switzerland. He is in jail in Mexico and has been charged with having acquired vast sums of money from unexplained sources. — AP. New York.

Pope beatifies brave priests

PREACHING yesterday in the Olympic stadium Hitler built, the Pope beatified two martyred priests who opposed Nazism.

Tens of thousands lined Berlin's streets to the Pontiff The popemobile speeded up as police dragged away a naked woman in body paint who tried to run in front of the vehicle, and confronted other members of the crowd who

were shouting angry remarks.
The pope's sermon to a
congregation of 90,000 dropped
from the prepared text a
defence of Pius XII, who was pope during the years of Nazi oppression and has been criticised as not doing enough

to save Jews. — AP. Berlin.



immaculate contraception: Protester in giant condom

Indonesian party divided

THE Indonesian government has plunged the country's pro-democracy opposition into chaos by recognising the executive board elected at a congress held by Indonesian Democracy Party

board elected at a congress ment by thindnessan perinderacy rarry dissidents last week.

Megawati Sukarnoputri, the party leader and daughter of the country's first president, Sukarno, said the congress was a government-orchestrated move to divide the party.

The could be party manhous elements to be unbarned with h ernment-occurstrated move to divide me party.

It was called by party members claiming to be unhappy with Ms Megawati's drive for more open government and greater democracy. Ms Megawati declared yesterday that she would have nothing to do with the new board. — John Aglionby, Jakarta.

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eap of faith takes athlete to the Games - at 82

ARGARET Berg-mann was waiting for the postman on the porch of her parent's home when the letter came. Iwo weeks after she had equalled the German high jump record, it informed her coldly that she had not made the national team for the Munich Olympics.

Looking back on your recent performances, you could not possibly have expected to be chosen for the team." it continued. But the young woman knew the decision had nothing to do with her athletic perfor-mance. She could not compete at Adolf Hitler's showwas Jewish.
"I exploded with every

profanity I knew," recalls Margaret Bergmann Lam-bert, now 82. "And then, all of a sudden, I had this tre-mendous relief.

If I had gone to the games. I knew I could only lose. If I won, it would have been a slap in the face to Hitler. If I lost, I would have let all the Jewish people down."

Though she dominated the American women's high jumping scene after moving to the United States in 1937, she never got the chance to compete in an Olympics. "It has stayed with me all these years. Every time the Olympics come around, I feel a little depressed and angry and I wonder if my life would have been easier as an Olympic winner.

Now the German Olympic committee hopes to make up for a little of the wrong done to her by inviting Mrs Lambert to be its guest of honour at the Atlanta Games next month.

Margaret Bergmann was a talented 19-year-old high school athlete when Hitler came to power in 1933. Within a year, Jews were banned from public places letic club in the southern towm of Ulm informed her that she was no longer welcome. The University of Berlin withdrew its offer of a place "until this thing

blew over". Miss Bergmann fled to London, winning the she returned. While her fel-women's high jump title at low potential Olympians the British athletic championships the following year. In 1935 her father travelled to Britain to tell her that the Nazis wanted her to compete for a place in the

German Olympic team. She was reluctant to return for the trials. She knew the Nazis would not allow a successful Jewish athlete to undermine their propaganda, and wanted only to create the impression of fairness in selecting

Liberals back

Russia's main liberal move

ment Yabloko said yesterday that it backed President Boris

Yeltsin in next month's elec-

Yeltsin



Margaret Bergmann Lambert, who will attend the Atlanta Games as guest of the German Olympic Committee, recalls: 'My parents thought I was a freak because I loved sports so much. I mean, a nice Jewish girl. They wanted me to learn to sew and cook. Which, by the way, I learned too." Above, at her home in Queens and, right, in her prime in the 1930s.

Report: Ian Katz Main photograph: Vic Delucia

But her father made it clear to her that her family could be punished if she did not try for the team, and low potential Olympians were given the finest facilities available, she was banned from training with them and forced to prepare for the trials in a Jews-only

When she was eventually allowed to compete in the South German champion shins, however, she jumped better than ever before. "I knew these people didn't want me to win. I got madder and madder and jumped higher and

When the bar was raised to 5ft 3in, a height equal to the German record, she cleared it with inches to spare. But when it was raised once more, she could barely lift herself off the ground. "I really think that something in my brain told me I should not do this. I think I knew subconsciously that bad things would happen."

She has no memory of the 1936 Mpnich Games - "I think I just blocked it out of my head" — though the woman's high jump event was won by a Hungarian, Ibolya Csak, with a leap of

after she moved to New | far more terrible toll on her York in 1937, Miss Bergmann nurtured hopes of family were killed in con-competing in a future centration camps, along Olympics.

She won the US high jump titles in 1987 and 1938, but she never treasured them as much as the "with a nice swas tika" that proved "I had heaten the master race". When the war broke out

she gave up athletics. "Hit-ler foiled me three times: once in 1936, then in 1940 by starting the war and then again in 1944 when there was no Olympics. After that I had a family and no more time." The Germans exacted a pay mine, and then we go." Working in menial jobs

life. Most of her husband's with her grandparents. She swore never to set

foot in Germany again and refused to visit it even when the German athletics federation awarded her a medal of honour and named a sports complex after her a few years ago. But Mrs Lambert says she will accept the Olympic committee's offer. "I feel there's got to be an end to this, even though I'll never forget it. You have to add up the bill and say it's floished now: you pay yours, I

needs no crew is being developed in the US. John Mintz in Washington reports

today's carriers with 5,500 Its missiles will be launched by commanders -

> remote controlled ship a top priority and is developing its first six on an extraordinary fast track. A maximum cost of \$550 million (£367 million) has been put on each vessel and the Pentagon expects to have the first one in the water in five years: a third of the time it usually takes to design

deployment will be at anchor off the coast of three hot spots - in the Pacific near Korea. in the Mediterranean and in the Persian Gulf. Its job will scrap the project and fit lomatic limitations."—The be to delay an invasion, such retired Los Angeles attack or Washington Post.

US forces to arrive. It will do a job previously handled by missile batteries which had to be hauled into

and out of a battle zone. ters and the recent suicide of the chief of operations, Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, are uncertain how to promote the new concept in the

fear that it will be so much cheaper to build and run than other ships, and its military punch so devastating, that it will endanger their weapons budgets and turf. Army officials are uneasy that the arsenal ship will reduce the need for their ground-based missile defence and artillery

It may also threaten longterm funding for navy and air is to present the world with a force long-range bombers beforce long-range bombers be-cause its missiles will have a longer range than planes, said Andrew Krepinevich, direc-tor of the Centre for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments,

Some submarine officers suggest that the navy should of power independent of dip-

extra missile tubes instead. The new ship's most passionate defender is the ma-rine corps, which thinks the vessel's punishing missile barrages could protect troops in amphibious landings. This

links to drug traffickers.

Last week congress absolved the president Renesto Samper, of blame for the fact that millions of points from and overseas base closures, the navy is seeking cheap ways to extend American mil

In any other country the op-

posed the automation of ships defend, but rather personal appetites to protect," said Augusto Galán, whose brother ists and peasant organisers are among those murdered

> The Patriotic Union (UP) has been virtually destroyed since it was set up in 1985, with two presidential candi-dates, six MPs and 3,000 local politicians killed. The UP won 350,000 votes and 14 seats in its first election in 1986. It

The party was set up by the Revolutionary Armed Forces

Netanyahu told to keep to terms of negotiations

Arabs warn Israel of price of peace

their two-day summit yesterday with a warning to Israel's new rightwing government that they will "reconsider" concessions made in the concessions made in the name of the peace process if Israel backtracks on land-forpeace, the principle on which the process has been based.

They said there must be a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, and that the Palestinians must be permitted to set up an indepen-

mitted to set up an independent state with Jerusalem as

That the first summit in six years took place at all and then passed off without serious disputes was a considerable success for the Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, and his efforts to restore a modicum of Arab solidarity. Apart from Libya's Colonel
Muammar Gadafy, who
accused everyone of letting
everyone else down, the most discordant note was struck as expected, by King Hussein "We deny any state the right to protect the forces of evil and terrorism that seek to

achieve their aims under the guise of religion or ideology." he told the conference. "Cross-border terrorism must be fought through condemnation, pursuit or liquidation, wherever its dens

may be."
While doubtless intended as music to the ears of Israel and the United States, his words were also an implicit attack on Syria's President Hafez al-Assad, his alleged dispatch of "saboteurs" into Jordan and his support for Hizbullah in

In a gesture to Mr Assa which cannot have pleased King Hussein, the conference

agreement and asked Turkey to reconsider it.

In a gesture to the Gulf embarassing Iran's ally Syria, the conference in-vited fran to "respect the territorial integrity" of Bahrain and "end its occupation" of the Emirates islands of Abu Musa and the two Tumbs. In his opening address, Mr Mubarak set the conciliatory

tone of the summit, saying: "We are not warmongers and we reject violence."

But in an implicit denunciation of the hardline proditions as his refusal to with

gramme of the new Israeli prime minister, Binyamin draw from the Golan, he said: If any party allows itself to

Tel Aviv urges end to threats

HE Israeli prime minis-ter, Binyamin Netanyabu, criticised the Arab summit yesterday, saying success in the peace process required an end to sided demands".

In response to the summit's vow to reconsider con-cessions if Israel tries to change the terms of negotiations, he said: "One-sided de-mands which harm security do not go together with talks for peace. For the process to continue successfully and fruitfully, such statements

must be stopped."
His statement, which did not go into detail, added: "The peace process must be conducted without pre-conditions. Peace negotiations must be conditioned on security for all peoples of the

expressed its concern at the choose what to negotiate and Turkish-Israeli military what not, then other parties what not, then other parties have the same right, which brings the peace process to zero, or totally destroys it." In their final communiqué,

the heads of state reiterated that a "just and comprehensive" peace remained the Arabs' "strategic choice". But this required "a firm, unequivocal, reciprocal engage ment from Israel".

Recalling the 1991 Madrid conference and the principle of land for peace which it en-shrined, they said: "Any deviation by Israel from the com-mitments, obligations or agreements entered into ... Or any procrastination of their implementation would compromise the peace

That would, they said, "bring dangers and threats liable to revive tension in the region". It would also "oblige the Arab states to reconsider steps they have taken towards Israel in the peace process". "Israel would then bear the

sole responsibility. This was the closest the conference came to suggesting that Arab states might stop or reverse the process of "normalisation" some have engaged in. This was called for by Syria, critical of what it sees as the Arab rush to forge political and economic ties with Israel.

Jordan, meanwhile, insisted that normalisation should continue regardless of any setback to the peace process: this was the way to en-courage Israel to move at all.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia ruled out any formal call for a halt to normalisation. Syria was ready to accept such moderation as the price of restored Arab solidarity — though in what measure, and for how long, remains to be

Deathly silence of the opposition

Colombia boasts of its democracy, while its critics are eliminated, writes **Mary Matheson**

IDA AVELLA, a Bogota city councillor, was driving to work last month when she looked out of

the window and saw a mortar staring her in the face.
The attackers fired, but missed her jeep damaging a nearby car. The gunmen then fired machine-guns, but Ms

Avella was saved by her vehicle's bullet-proofing Later Ms Avella, president of the communist-dominated Patriotic Union party, said: "This paper democracy does not allow men and women with different ideas into its ranks.'

Colombia prides itself on having one of the most stable democracies in Latin Amerca. Political groups are free to associate, demonstrations are permitted and anyone can set up a political party. But to do so outside of the two traditional parties is tantamount to a death sentence. Between 1988 and 1995 more

than 20,000 Colombians were killed in political violence more than twice those "disappeared" or murdered in Chile during the 17-year dictator-

ship of Augusto Pinochet.
The lack of opposition has been highlighted by a political scandal in which seven cal scannal in which seven MPs, the attorney-general a former defence minister and several public officials have been jailed because of their

the Cali drug cartel swelled his 1994 election campaign

position would have estab-lished a strong lead in the polls in such circumstances. Here a ame Conservative Party is divided, many of its members bought off with old-fashloned assassinate President Samper pork-barrel offerings.
"There are no ideologies to have been arrested in Bogota, the military authorities said

Luis Carlos, a reformist liberal, was assassinated in 1989. Civic leaders, trade unionbecause they challenged traditional politics.

now has two MPs.

of Colombia leftwing guer-rilla group when it began

Two hours saves a third striker from life inside

WO hours made 19 years and drug user who employed 11 aliases in a criminal career going back to 1970.

Now aged 52, he would have died in prison under California's "three strikes and you're out" law, which pre-scribed a sentence of 25 years to life for any criminal convicted of a third offence.

The prosecution demanded 29 years when Holman faced Judge Gregory O'Brien in Los

But just before the hearing began, Judge O'Brien heard that the state supreme court had handed down a decision that would deal with his reluctance to sentence Holman to life for possessing six small chunks of rock cocaine.
Two hours after the ruling

had been released, Judge O'Brien passed sentence, tell-ing Holman: "You're too old to be doing this sort of thing."

Taking into account his guilty plea, and that his last robbery conviction had been 11 years earlier, he jailed him for 10 years. With good behaviour he may be on parole after

Holman, an African-American from the South Central ghetto area of LA, became the first criminal to benefit from the state supreme court's decision to return sentencing discretion to judges, many of whom disliked the mandatory "three strikes law", which was approved by 72 per cent of of California's voters in a 1994 plebiscite.

Conservative politicians, outraged at the ruling, spent the weekend planning moves to restore the law, this week if possible.

They may decide to allow judges some sentencing dis-cretion, or simply return to

But many people now realise that the law had unintended consequences, as well as jailing for life such triling offenders as a man who stole

Meanwhile 562 lawvers in the Los Angeles public de-fender's office are suggesting to offenders that they should appeal. Had he been in court with a large cache of two hours earlier, Holman would have been one of them.

Are you one of the powerful people?

on Saturday. The two men and two women were caught

their team. News in brief

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China snub riposte Germany said it regretted China's decision to cancel a visit by the foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel in protest at parliamentary criticism of from an accused Cali cartel Beijing, but a spokesman drug baron.—Reuter.

A mutilated corpse found on a beach in Uruguay last year is that of Eugenio Berrios, a for-mer secret police agent under

the regime of the Chilean dic-

gramme - Reuter.

tion but stuck to its demand that he should take steps to end the war in Chechenia. A Yabloko congress in Go-litsino, near Moscow, decided that it was necessary to sup-port Mr Yeltsin in the secondround runoff against the Communist Party leader, Gennady Zyuganov, Itar-Tass news agency said. — Reuter.

Body identified

tator General Augusto Pinochet, a judge confirmed yesterday. — AP.

added that he would not be put off addressing human rights issues.—Reuter. Aid for land

The Zimbabwean president, Robert Mugabe, threatened at the weekend to seize white farmland for resettlement by blacks — without compensa-tion — unless Britain gives his government money for a land acquisition pro-

OJ fund-raiser A group which works to combat spousal abuse has accepted O. J. Simpson's offer to hold a black-tie fund-raiser on

Thursday at his Brentwood estate. — AP. Offbeat police China's ministry of public security wants tipsy police to stay off the beat, the Legal

Daily said. - Reuter. Drug money 'trick' President Ernesto Pérez Balladares of Panama said that he was unaware that a \$51,000 (£33,000) contribution to his

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Automated ship makes waves in the Pentagon

A remote-controlled missile carrier which | Trident missile subs with

ship which some be-lieve could revolutionise maritime warfare within the next

Called an arsenal ship, it is essentially a floating missile platform operated by remote control, with 500 missile tubes capable of firing at targets on land, in the sky or at sea.

The highly automated vessel will need only a few dozen sailors, or parhaps no crew at all: a radical departure from

possibly in another military service — who may be hundreds of miles away.

The navy has made the

and launch a new type.
Navy officials say its first

ENTAGON officials are as Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kudesigning a new class of wait, long enough for other

But navy officials, desper-ate for upbeat news after so many public relations disas-

Pentagon. Many of their colleagues weapons, such as the Patriot

a defence think tank.

reasoning helped Adm Boorda to push the concept aggressively.

In an era of tight budgets

itary power to the world's most far-flung regions.
In an effort to reduce devel opment costs, the navy is asking bidders to draw up de-signs based on bare outlines of the ship's expected capabilities. Contractors normally receive precise specifications.

The navy traditionally op-

d'etre, military officials agree

because it wanted large crews around to repair damage. To make the arsenal ship 'virtually unsinkable" it will have a double hull and will ride low in the water to make it difficult to detect by radar. It will be protected by cruisers and destroyers. The ship's ultimate raison

it scares malefactors into good behaviour simply by moving close to their shores. That was detectable in a dry navy memo describing a key function of the ship: "Flexible response for administration

peace talks. As soon as they laid down their arms, however, many members were as sassinated. The guerrillas returned to armed struggle. The party has remained as

munists, social movements and peasant organisations. Its activists are picked off by suspected paramilitaries — death squads set up by regional power brokers. Hired teenagers killed national leaders like Bernardo Jaramillo of the UP and Carlos

Pizarro, the leader of the former M-19 guerrillas. They knew that if they died themselves their families would be financially supported. Luis Carlos Galan was among those silenced for at-tempting to reform the estab-

lishment from within. Galán

proposed a crackdown on the

cocaine cartels. He was shot

dead in 1989 and the Medellin

drug cartel was blamed. But the case was reopened last year and state intelligence When the people behind the killing

are caught, they

are rarely punished services and politicians have been implicated. When those behind the murders are caught, they are rarely punished. In August 1991 soldiers raided the house of a UP activist, Antonio Pala-

cios, killing him, his three children and a son-in-law. The army claimed that it had killed five guerrillas in a gun battle, but forensic evi-dence showed that the victims were shot through the head while lying face down. None of the soldiers was

convicted. Ms Avella claimed that her attackers were paramilitaries backed by the army commander, General Harold Bedoya. Gen Bedoya denied the accusation, and says he will sue her for slander. Four leftwing guerrillas who were part of a rebel plot to

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Handling Labour's boom

Will it be unwise to stop it?

KENNETH CLARKE must be getting seriously worried that he is setting up a boom which will be enjoyed not by the Conservatives but by Tony Blair's first administration. What was intended as a pre-election boom to keep the Conservatives in office may turn out to be a post-electoral one which will bequeath to a subsequent Labour administration its first taste of economic management. It is not from want of trying. The Government shovelled over £4 billion of tax cuts into the economy in the November budget but people seem reluctant to spend it as last week's retail sales figures show. Spending in the shops is rising at barely 2 per cent a year (compared with 5 per cent during the late 1980s) and manufacturing investment has fallen for two successive quarters. There are stimulants galore in the pipeline (maturing Tessa accounts, lottery projects, building society payments and interest rate cuts) but their economic impact has been slight.

On top of that, the medicine we were forced to take earlier (in the form of annual tax increases) to bring the budget deficit down hasn't worked either. Instead of contracting sharply, the Government's borrowing requirement is overshooting its target thereby cramping the chancellor's scope for a pre-electoral cut of 1p in the pound in November. How Mr Clarke must look enviously across the Atlantic where President Clinton's reluctant tax cuts of 1993 have unintentionally helped to work an economic miracle. The budget deficit (which ballooned under Reagan and Bush) is on track to fall to a Maastricht-qualifying 1.9 per cent of gross domestic product. The real prospect of this happening generated confidence in the bond market and long-term interest rates fell sharply inducing an enviable 11-per-cent-ayear rise in business investment since 1993. As an article in the New Yorker observed:"It is one of the richer ironies of recent years that the much maligned bond traders, acting entirely in their own interest, bailed out a Democratic Administration that was fighting to raise their marginal tax rates sharply".

There will almost certainly be an economic upswing in the UK during the next 12 months, but what is not clear is whether it will be soon enough or strong enough to revive the Government's flagging fortunes. The feel-good factor is difficult to measure but there is another back-of-envelope indicator - popular in the United States - which chronicles a sort of feel-bad factor. The so-called "misery index" simply adds together the current rate of inflation (2.2 per cent in the UK) and the current rate of unemployment (7.7 per cent). This produces a misery index of 9.9 per cent in the UK: not quite as low as its counterpart in the US (8.3 per cent) but it is very creditable by recent standards. The higher the score, the greater the misery. The UK index peaked at 27.3 per cent under a Labour administration cent in 1978 only to see it rise to 17.4 per cent during the election year, 1979. John Major has brought it down from a recent peak of 15.3 per cent in 1990 to the present 9.9 per cent, the lowest for a quarter of a century. What the index doesn't measure is the fact that the unemployed have experienced sharp cuts in the real level of their benefits and those in employment don't feel as secure as they used to. Misery isn't what it used to be.

Meanwhile, the first economic problem an incoming Labour administration is likely to face is whether to cool down an incipient boom or whether to let it rip on the grounds that inflation is cowed and there is plenty of spare capacity in the economy. On present evidence Labour will inherit a very sustainable mini-boom which previous incoming Labour administrations (all of which inherited crisis situations) would have died for. If Labour, under pressure from an inflation-baiting Bank of England, tries to snuff the recovery out, it could prove to be a macro-economic mistake to match the worst that the Conservatives have made.

Pride and prejudice

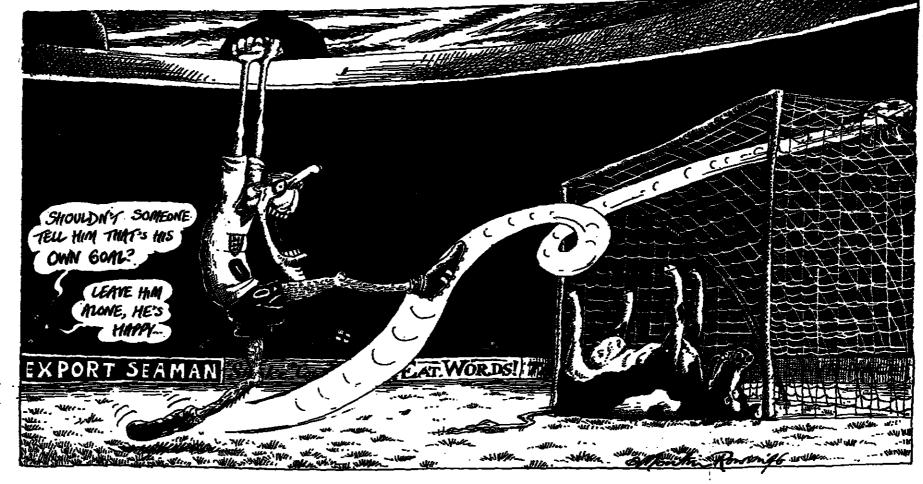
Football must banish base nationalism

GERMANY beat Croatia 2-1 in the European Championship yesterday thereby setting the scene for a dramatic midweek semi-final with England. At its highest this will be a glorious celebration of football between two sides for whom familiarity has bred a fierce mutal respect. At worst the runup to Wednesday will provide an opportunity for the shameful side of the national psyche to erupt in an excess of xenophobia, fanned by newspapers' compulsion to outdo each other. Such a response, echoed around the world, would degrade the game, the team, and the whole country. So far the championship has mainly been played with dignity. There have been exceptions. Like the English fans' wanton harassment - right into extra time - of the Spanish player Sergi after he had been fouled by Neville at the start of the second half. Sergi was wrong to hint that a red instead of a yellow card be given but this didn't justify the lynch-mob reaction of sections of the crowd for the rest of the game. What has happened to fair play? If this is what occurs when England plays Spain then anything could happen on Wednesday when England meets her most formidable rival. Unless parts of our mischievously competitive press - for whom there is no equivalent of a red card - exercises selfrestraint, we will be in danger of reliving the Battle of

Britain in a way that will degrade us all.

No one suggests that Wednesday's game should be other than a fierce fight to the finish. Given the history of recent encounters — including Britain's World Cup win over West Germany in 1966 and the penalty shootout that sent England home from the World Cup in 1990 - it could hardly be otherwise. But sporting events don't have to generate trench warfare between rival spectators — and football has most to answer for. How rarely these days do the home supporters at a soccer game burst into spontaneous applause — as still happens at cricket matches - when the other side

displays consummate skill. Can anything be done? It would be nice if John Major could take the lead. But he has been so devalued by his adoption of the worst of jingistic football supporter tactics during the beef talks that he rules himself out. It would help if Terry Venables applied his formidable leadership skills to the spectators as well as the team, though he may not want to distract himself from the job in hand. In the end there may be no alternative to selfrestraint. But everyone in the media should be conscious of the critical role they play.



Letters to the Editor

OHN Palmer claims that Britain's veto tactics will trigger a tougher stance against such practice at the IGC (EU acts to prevent beef tactics repeat, June 22). The irony is the contribution which Conservative Euroscepticism has repeatedly made towards strengthening the European Union.

When Mrs Thatcher was demanding "her money back" she vetoed an agricultural settlement to put pressure in favour of her budgetary claims. In response, other member states used a qualified majority vote to overrule her. Since then, majority votes have been exercised much

more frequently.
At the 1985 Milan summit she objected to the proposal to convene an inter-governmen tal conference which ulti-mately led to the Single European Act. In the face of her opposition the issue was put to a vote which overruled her.

Her Bruges speech galva-nised our partners to moving towards economic, monetary and political union, which resulted in the Maastricht treaty. Mr Major's tactics will almost certainly lead to the limitation of the use of the gotiations for a new treaty on

closer political union. Those of us who favour progress towards a full political union have much to thank the Conservative Governments' counter-productive tactics for. Ernest Wistrich.

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'EQUIPE, the French sports paper, billed the England v Spain match as the country of the mad cow against the country of the matador. Perhaps John Major should be told that we can win bovine argument with Europe after all. Iain Martin.

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THE new Severn Bridge gives concrete evidence of English attitudes to foreigners. The Welsh, aware of the need for communications with the world, approach the bridge with a three-lane mo-torway. The English, hesitant to make contact with other nations, provide merely two lanes of motorway on their side of the river. M R Heylings. Ridings, Berkeley Heath, Berkeley, Glouc GL13 5ER.

A big thanks to Eurosceptics Post strike, post hopes | Why men will still pick up the divorce bill

an employee of Royal Mail I am caught up in a dispute fact that we, the producers, which, whoever wins, offers are also consumers. Otherme little encouragement for the future.
If the employer gets his

way, I am likely to see diminishing job security, an in-creasing workload, and a steady trend towards performance-related pay; if the union wins out, I am told I will see the business unable to compete in an ever more ruthless marketplace with the eventual consequence of job losses and all the things the employer was demanding in

This no-win situation arises because, as employees, we can only keep our jobs if we regard the customer as king. We must provide what the customer required at a price the customer can afford. No customers means no iohs.

THIS IS THE

lovely war against drugs, June 19) is right to point to the contradictions in the US pol-

with ever-increasing produc-

tion, the European Union will see the need to militarise its

own drug prevention aid to de-

veloping countries, where

most of the raw ingredients

are grown. Given the human

rights' abuses and protests (charted by Amnesty Interna-

tional in its 1996 report)

This also highlights an often

forgotten aspect of the drugs trade — that it's not just the

drug barons and pushers who

against Bolivian coca growers,

effect upon these societies.

icy against the drugs trade

A new war in the high street

SABEL Hilton (Oh what a) peasant farmers. The produc

The danger, however, is that or chocolate won't put food on

such forced eradication is such forced eradication is ness multinationals to pay likely to have a destabilising more for their cheap products.

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sovereignty of the consumer.

The paradox here lies in the wise, no jobs. Producers are of secondary importance and should be regarded as expendable if this helps the consum-ers to get what they want. There is something about this consumer-driven definition of ourselves that is disturbing.

There is a general percep-tion that social values are being undermined by market forces. The market has pronice things to buy. But even if you've got the money, it's never enough. Something is missing.

A consumer-led society is one which has lost its dignity. Buying things is a no more dignified activity than blowing your nose. It may be fun to go shopping but it is hardly the kind of activity which can

tion of coca leaf or opium pop-

pies provides a lifeline in a time of decreasing primary

product value. If growing fruit

the table, then growing drugs,

a great export crop, often will.

There is also the case of de-mand. If the public want it

there is a market waiting to be

supplied. Perhaps we should be look-

ing closer to home with our

drug prevention policies and

encouraging our high street

supermarkets and agribusi-

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We regret that we cannot

OR THE first time in my only function successfully if respect. As we have seen, the life, at the age of 44, I we give our allegiance to the more likely consequences are find myself on strike. As sovereignty of the consumer. It is the workplace which

provides the social matrix not the shopping mall or the stock exchange. To restore our dig-nity and sense of worth we should regard ourselves first as producers, as contributors rather than takers. It is at work where we should first enjoy the chance to achieve some level of personal fulfilment while, at the same time, taking pride in subscribing, to the well-being and pleasure of

Perhaps the Royal Mail could take a lead by valuing its workforce a little more by doing all it can to safeguard its staff in secure and meaningful employment. It might not make so much profit but it night make the world a slightly better place to live in. Alan Wakefield.

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Sleaze talk

BRUCE Gyngell (Television is staking into sleaze, fails to mention the lack of training doctors receive in psychosexual problems. Most of the 200 letters received each week by The Good Sex Guide, on which I've been the doctor for the last six months, should have been dealt with by GPs. Over 80 per cent come from men.
Suicide is now the second

greatest cause of death in young men. Sexually trans-mitted diseases are on the increase. Testicular cancer still kills around 120 men each year, prostate cancer kills a further 10,000. One in 12 women develop breast cancer. All of these subjects are reg-ularly discussed on The Good Sex Guide. As a GP, I welcome this debate on issues which could directly affect the lives

of my four children. If I can prevent just one young person from contracting HIV through ignorance, I can live with ill-considered and naive utterances from people who do not have to care for the shattered bodies and minds produced through ignorance. This is the real violence against our children. lan Banks.

make a living out of it. The majority involved are among the poorest of the world's are more likely to appear BMA Aids Foundation. 40 Grove Road. Spa, County Down.

THE Family Law Bill is a to explain how its service long way off from perfect operates.

The clause insisted by on issues which address counselling and pensions.

Acknowledging that over 70 per cent of divorces are initi-ated by women, and that physical violence, cruelty and adultery are sometimes factors in the breakdown of marriages. there are a great many incidences of women simply dumping their husbands on the basis of contrived petitions of unreasonable behaviour before having decent recourse to counselling.

I believe a solicitor should not be able to commence divorce proceedings, given that in a particular case counselling is a reasonable first step until a bona-fide recognised agency is able to certify that the marriage is beyond reconciliation.

The structuring and financing of recognised counselling facilities are in need of examination. For many people, espe-cially for those whose mar-riage is in difficulties because of mancial problems, the cost of counselling can, in spite of what is at stake, be daunting. Relate, for example, even requests a fee from people

feminism-driven Labour relating to pensions should not become an automatic right. If it is, it will be unfairly weighted in favour of women. There are instances — adultery, cruelty and violence of a physical nature committed by men where reasonable grounds exist for the husband's pen-sion rights to be affected. Yet what about battered husbands? In these cases, it is wrong for the husband's pension rights to be affected.

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ORD MACKAY'S comment _that the new divorce bill will "save savable marriages with mediation" is confusing. Mediation of family issues should be concerned with ar-rangements for the children when the parents have de-cided to split up. If the marriage is "savable", ie no deci-sion has been made to split up, mediation is inappropriate Mark Sadier.

Ardwyn. Efordd Siliwen.

A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: After | climbers tackling the exposed the increasing stoniness of the paths on Pillar and the Scafells it was even pleasant to be treading the trackless tussocks of Seatallan, far from the tourist heights. And, the previous day, to be able to walk at ease, along the top of the Screes on peaty turf with the blue depths of Wastwater nearly 2,000 feet below our boots. We were enjoying a week at Wasdale Head, the heart of the sanctuary where, 65 years ago, I climbed with some of the pioneers of the sport and, in the hotel, then the headquarters of English climbing, sat at their feet. Much has changed. The hotel entrance hall is no longer crowded with ropes, ice-axes and nailed boots, brightly reeking of dubbin, and the clientele is not the same. But the hills, except for the stony, eroded tracks, remained unchanged - sparkling, sunlit and welcoming most mornings, turning to sombre purple in the evenings. One hot day, from Hollow Stones, I watched

moves on Botterill's Slab and Moss Ghyll Grooves and greatly envied them their fitness and competence. Another day, high above Black Sail on the Pillar ridge, I met friends from these old days walking across half of Lakeland to get fit for Switzerland and later another friend struggling up the pass in the heat with a heavy load of water as suste-nance for some record attempt. By the Seatallan cairn we were joined by a comple who thought they had passed the summit an hour earlier. And, in the bar, the postman from Devon, used to walking, but chalking up prodigious mileages in the heat. All week there were striking colour pictures everywhere - rock summits against the sky or sunlit mountain tarns - but the best picture came on the morning we left — Wastwater, bright and clear as a looking-glass with the Screes upside down in the water, the image as clear as the original. A HARRY GRIFFIN

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What Major missed about Machievelli

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

HAVE spent much of the weekend trying to con-vince myself that the Prime Minister has really been to Florence. Newspapers insisted that the dead duck had landed. But I find it difficult to believe that John Major was really in the city where the Renaissance was born. I just cannot imagine him cool beneath the columns of Santo Spirito or breathless in his attempts to see more of

the Uffizi than is possible in one day. The thought of him in the Bargello produces an emotion in which pain and amusement combine. "This". says the guide, waving in the direction of Donatello's David, "is the most beautiful statue in the world". The Prime Minister pauses to consider his reply. "Very pleasant. Oh yes. Very pleasant, indeed".

So the party moves on and down the great staircase to where Michelangelo's Brutus

that, in some circumstances, For there is at least one political assassination may be double standard which is a civic duty. But it is thought never excoriated — the profesbetter not to explain the moral, which is illustrated by that noble head. I doubt if any of the other galleries would suit him much better. Ammannati's Leda And The Swan went back to basics in a remarkably original way. We know how his predeces-

sor would have behaved. She would have paused in front of Primavera and explained, for the benefit of assembled reporters, where Botticelli had gone wrong. Then Bernard Ingham would have shephered the photographers into Santa Croce so that Margaret Thatcher could describe Giotto's mistakes of colour and composition. But I cannot visualise John Major treading the paving stones which the Medicis once wore smooth.

Perhaps his caution was wise. For newspapers have de-veloped the habit of exposing politicians who assert public values which they do not respect at home. Would they, I wonder, let John Major get away with the pretence that attempted to defend? The he knows his Arno from his police and officials who sanccelebrates the Roman notion slbow. He might just escape. I tioned the raid on Mr Tong's

never excoriated — the profes-sion of Christian belief to bind with a total lack of charity. The obvious example is Ann Widdecombe.

The thought of Ms Widdecombe comes unwelcome to mind because, on Friday eve-ning radio, I heard her ex-plaining that it was heartless civil servants, not her compassionate self, who had caused Albert Tong to be dragged "kicking and screaming" from a Penzance Methodist chape! shortly before he suffered what the local hospital feared was a heart attack.

Widdecombe - one of the few converts to Catholicism to make baptism a photo oppor-tunity — was bearing false witness. My complaint is that she behaved like a foolish vir-gin. She either knew, or should have known, that Mr Tong's arrest was - whether she was told the details or not - carried out at her behest. How many other indefensible immigration decisions has she

sanctuary believed that they were doing what she, and others like her in the Government, expected them to do. Failed ministers often pre-

tend that they were betrayed and sabotaged by their perma-nent officials. In fact, the Civil Service is usually pathetically anxious to remake itself in the image of the Government which it serves. The most disastrous mistakes which hap-pened in my ministerial experience were not the result of advisers and administrators arguing too much. The catas trophies usually occurred when they argued too little, because they wanted to tell their masters what their masters wanted to hear.

The immigration department of the Home Office is a reflection of what goes on inside Ms Widdecombe's head. Clearly, it has the duty of implementing new and increas-ingly harsh laws. But it also has to interpret the way in which legislation is applied. The interpretation is brutal because, when the subjective decision is made, it is taken for granted that brutality is what the Government expects. Ministers set the tone, And

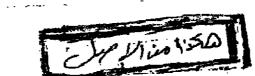
who can doubt that the current tone of immigration and asylum policy is a morally dis-cordant determination to keep as many out as possible. I may be sacrificing Labour votes by saying so, but during 17 years in opposition, it is not just the regulations which I have seen change. Gradually, year by year, the attitude towards marginal cases has also altered.

There was a time when I thought that I might convince

entry clearance officers that had made a mistake that he woman they were turning back was a genuine visitor or that the man they had locked up had a real affection for the woman he planned to marry But not rook When the to marry. But not now. When I speak to them, whoever answers the telephone, the voice I hear is Ann Widde-combe, or, just as bad, Michael Howard.

It is not only immigration policy in which the rule of ma-lign ministerial influence ap-plies. Over the years, all the committees and commissions which take decisions and hear

tles of life. Ministers are insu-lated by statue from decisions to refuse help to families in desperate need. Indeed, Peter Lilley has a standard letter by which he explains that individual decisions about cold and hungry families are no longer his business. I receive and read one every week. But I never believe it. Not only is he the only true begetter of the regulations, he is the man who, by speeches and state-ments, makes clear that he expects them to be applied with a parsimony that civilised people ought to find shameful. No doubt the Government regards his conduct as votewinning prudence. Perhaps. winning prudence. Pernaps, erudite reader, you are already thinking that somehow this makes it right that John Major should have spent 48 hours in the city which was home to Machievelli. But that nome to Machibern. Dut that philospher, contrary to vulgar belief, did not believe that power and principle are incompatible. "How praiseworthy it is for a prince to keep his word and live by integrity, not deceif". All of which adds which take questions and hear appeals about welfare pay not deceit". All of which adds negly heartless in their refusal ence and the Prime Minister to provide the basic necessi- just do not go together.



F the England football team does happen to meet and beat France in the Euro 96 final next Sunday, some lazy and embittere sub-editor will dig out the clichéd beadline. Un coup de Trafalgar. This not only refers to Nelson's victory. but amounts to an implicit accusation that perfidions accusation that again pulled off an underhand trick by going for a win rather than just participating Couber-tin-style.

Over the centuries, right down to the destruction of a French battle fleet at Mers el Kebir in 1940, La Royale la Marine de guerre — has lost more ships to the Royal Navy than to any other floating opposition. You would think it was something to forget, but times are changing and in the spirit of that untranslatable phrase, fair play, Horatio Hornblower, Richard Bolitho and Jack Aubrey have suddenly become local heroes.

In the past five years or so, all of CS Forester's Hornb lower stories have been released here, closely followed by Alexander Kent's Bolitho saga. This summer, Patrick O'Brian's Aubrey will take on the French and his paperback rivals in a best-seller bid by Presses de la Cité, starting with Master and Commander, translated as Maitre à Bord.

Addicts of Napoleonic war stories may wonder if the French are literary self-flagellists. When Forester does not edge towards xenophobia, he allies his heroic sailor to reactionary causes like the anti-republican revolt in the Vendée. Bolitho, a great agoniser about reducing Frenchmen to bloody carcases, swings his 74 around like a frigate while the opposing capitaine de vaisseau is still shaking

out his mizzen. The fact that Aubrey, with his erudite Irish surgeon, Stephen Maturin, is the most sympathetic of the three British captains hardly lessens the impression that the French are maritime aunt sallies who. in the language of sails, can hardly tell their grand per-

roquet from their petit foc. Curiously, a more striking scuttling job has just historian, Daniel Dessert, in a book called La Royale, which leaves little doubt that the French, whose bid for maritime power was in-spired by Louis XIV, were at a disadvantage in design, organisation and seamenship from the conception of La Royale in the last quarter of the 17th century.

EADING Dessert, it is tempting to load the blame on the architect of centralised militarism, Jean-Baptiste Colbert, who, to paraphrase the author. was so mean that he saw the navy purely as an accounting problem even though the deficit in battle terms was enormous. Under Louis XIV. France lost 53 ships in fleet actions to five for the Royal Navy. Between 1744 and Trafalgar, the score in England's favour was 73-5.

This crushing and repetitive superiority, sometimes amounting to arrogant ridicule, is the stuff of the Forester, Kent and O'Brian odysseys, but in none of the reviews I have read is there a note of nationalistic resentment. Renaud Bombard, who edits O'Brian, said the key to the books' popularity and to French reader tolerance was the passing of time. "Perhaps 25 or 30 years ago these defeats were still a touchy subject, but now they are just ingre-dients in excellent historical

novels," he said. O'Brian is the best placed to leave an objective and ac-curate trail with his 17 Auorey-Maturin novels, as be is an Irishman exiled in France and has invented characters that iranscend the broadside to broadside images of war literature. Because be is 82, this is late recognition, but there is still a battle to be fought if the French are to be pressganged into total compre-bension.

ension. O'Brian's translator has an easier job evoking Aubrey's impeccable sailing skills than interpreting his essential heavy English humour. While French readers may even applied when Au-brey gives La Royale the run around, what will they make of the captain's recurrent reference to his unsea-manlike Irish physician's explanation of the origin of

the Dog Watch? Why, sir, because it is curtailed. Ha Ha.

DID HE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT HIS



Paris Diary Cebergs and rocks of the 'good' lie

Commentary

Mark Lawson

HE Government has lied, and I am glad. The nature of this latest untruth was the state's public information campaign about Aids, which began in 1987. This was based on the suggestion that HIV infection and Aids — which had first emerged and were still almost wholly concentrated among homosexuals — represented a significant threat to sented a significant threat to heterosexuals. The message about Aids was an early precursor of the one now applied to the Lottery — It Could Be You! — but it is now argued that for a heterosexuals. that, for a heterosexual, the odds were about the same.
The latest figures show that, of the 12,565 people who have developed Aids in Britain, 161 were heterosexuals whose only admitted risk fac-tor was vaginal intercourse with a "safe" partner. Jamie Taylor, of the charity Gay Men Fighting Aids, claimed on Radio 4 last week that the

gay community had deliber-ately pursued an all-comers

policy because they knew that

public funds and media inter-

est would not be forthcoming

versial minority. The Dally Mail and the Sunday Times - which have long argued that the Aids risk was exaggerated — now make two principal charges: that an atmosphere of political correct-ness led to the waste of £1.5 billion of government money on futile advertising and that — more gravely — homosex-uals have died or become ill because of the failure to ad-

because of the failure to advise them of specific risk.

Well, let's begin with political correctness. Although it is quite true that Aids has become an ideological fashion accessory in some quarters for example, at Academy Award ceremonies - the Thatcher administration of 1987 seems to me a most unlikely hot-bed of PC attitudes. In fact, the main reason that the first campaigns implied a general threat was not political correctness but prurience: the Advertising Stan dards Authority would not have tolerated detailed explanation of what could be in-serted and emitted where, hence all the pretty obscurity with icebergs and rocks. The incident - now part of Whiteincinent — now part of white-hall folklore — in which Nor-man Fowler, then Health Sec-retary, reportedly asked a civil servant, "What actually is oral sex?", and sat gobs-macked through the answer,

testified to the sense of a Gov-ernment which had bitten off more than it could chew. And caution is the best response to uncertainty. It seems

for a virus targeting a contro-versial minority. | very odd that the very quali-ties of the original Government health campaign to Aids - rapid. over-cautious, exaggerating the threat until the medical evidence was in are precisely those which have been held to be lacking from the same Government's response to the risk from BSE-infected beef.

Perhaps, also, the current food scare has given the rest of us a sense of what it must have been like to be a homosexual in the early 80s, when Aids first emerged: the knowledge that a single routine act in the past may have con-demned you to a horrible death. Imagine the beef scare in a world where vegetarians were in the majority and beef-burgers thought morally repulsive and you can quite understand why doctors and gay leaders made the tactical decisions they did.

The reactions in some

papers this week merely vin-dicate the tactic. For all the careful talk of how the advertising campaign should have been targeted where it "might have done some good", there is an unpleasant undertone of suggestion that, as Aids "only" kills gays, it doesn't really count and that the discase was some kind of con or chimera. Yet there have been around 200,000 deaths in America. Most tangibly, the creative histories of Holly-wood and Broadway were twisted out of shape by the young extinction of so much

publicly, young homosexuals understood the true odds from looking at their diaries packed with funerals, while their heterosexual peers attended only the burials of aucient aunts. Similarly, beef consumption will continue in this country until CJD funerals become commonplace. If there is evidence to suggest that young gay men are less aware of the Aids risk than the previous generation, this is not the fault of government advertising but because the success in promoting safe sex practices in recent years has reduced the sense of fear on

T is clear, though, that heterosexuals have come to fear Aids. Coincidentally, the Sunday Tele-graph yesterday published a long feature about the atti-tudes of women to contraception following that more recent health/sexual behaviour scare: the one concerning the risks of the contracep-tive pill. The testimony of the younger women was intrigu-ingly consistent. "Ellen, 38", has, since the

"height of the Aids scare", relied on "bags full of free condoms" from the Brook Ad-visory Centre. "Lucy, 28" is between relationships but, when one commenced, she would "use condoms to begin with and then probably have an Aids test" before considering less stringent barrier methods. "Judy, 25" records, during one relationship, be-coming "increasingly paranoid about Aids and insisting we used condoms".

The Sunday Telegraph, rather commendably, does not make the point that its leading right-wing rivals presumably would: that these talent. What I find most poor heterosexual women

gerations and innacturacies that are now revealed — the British Government spent a huge amount of money in the late 80s encouraging reflection and discrimination in the area of sexual behaviour. warning that sex was not a leisure activity somewhere between Nintendo and discos but an event with the most profound potential consequences. Not since the heyday of the Catholic convent school had children been so bluntly instucted in the causal link

between sex and terror.

If that campaign was politically correct, then the politics in question were those of the right. The emanation of such propaganda from the Government — the exact opposite of the permissive attitude of the 60s which they so daspised — should have been the wetdream of those people now de-scribing it as "one of the great scandals of our time". So they should be happy. And the homosexual commu-

nity can be glad that the social victimisation and bigotry which would have resulted from the perception of a gay plague has been diluted. And those who were teenagers in the last ten years — and their parents — can be cheered that at least some pregnancies and venereal diseases were prevented by the popularisation of the condom and that the nagging second thought about casual inter-course may have reduced by a few the number of young bro-

Philosophy, theology and problem pages have fretted for centuries about the possibility of a "good lia".

bizarre is the allegation that the Health Department's inclusion of heterosexuals in the risk has somehow convinced gay men that Aids is really a straight disease. Whatever they were saying hublicly young homosexuals for the great headline virus has no interest in them. They should — according to the logic of the Mail and Sunday Times — be shagging away quite happily. for the great headline virus has no interest in them. has no interest in them. Yet this is the biggest irony of all. For whatever motivadesnite the exag-



Ros Coward

HE Equal Opportunities Commission is 20 years old, and this afternoon releases an annual report, which, although under strict embargo, is publicised as a "celebration" of the "pro-gress" and "achievements" of the last 20 years. But is there anything to celebrate? The EOC has got nothing to

be smug about. The slow march of progress looks more like a quick descent into chaos. Tribunals, set up to provide simple remedies, are bogged down in arguments of the most arcane legal complexity. Women are often scared off by such games. The legislation originally set up to level the playing field for women is now being used. more often by men. Equal Opportunities legislation is a

Some argue that no law is needed nowadays because women no longer face dis-crimination. This is foolishness. Men still dominate man-agement and political and industrial life. Mothers returning to work often face discrimination when they try to reduce hours or job share. Sexual harassment of women is still commonplace when women enter traditionally male work. However, this discrimination now takes place against a backdrop of both sexes feeling threatened and insecure. There is no longer any consensus that women suffer from structural

discrimination.
Recent cases show how chaotic Equal Opportunities leg-islation has become in this new economic reality. In February this year police Sergeant Lee White won a sex discrimination case. He had been accused by a woman police officer of making derogatory remarks and her complaint was upheld by the Metropolitan Police. He was fined and transferred to another police station. Later, he claimed the quality of his life trial tribunal agreed that he had suffered from sex discrimination because he was transferred rather than his acceser, without having been given an equal opportunity to put his case. He won substantial damages.

Just as problematic as these counter claims are the more direct political challenges. Leicester County Council is currently locked in battle with "the Equality Squad", a group of men who are chal-lenging the library's decision to hold women-only sessions not all men's cases aim at undermining the protection which sex discrimination legislation was supposed to give. Recent judgments around men's rights to free prescrip-tions and pensions contribute to greater equality. Men also have a case about the pro-found discrimination which they experience in the caring professions. But it is not a pretty sight when discrimination legislation is used against the already disadvantaged. Nor is it uncommon. Challenges have been levelled at the RAC's all-women's safety classes and all-women swimming sessions.

The line has always been thin between creating oppor-tunities and positive discrimination, but technically positive discrimination is illegal in the UK. In the past, positive encouragement for women would have gone unchallenged. Now, legislation which was set up to equal things out for women is increasingly perceived as advantaging a minority where similar protection is not af-forded to men. In this context, the Labour party's naive sup-port for illegal all-women's lists was astonishing. It fed fears that the Labour party would embark on Americanstyle positive discrimination programmes, just when America itself is in deep reaction against them. Europe too is witnessing a backlash. Last autumn, Bremen city council was told its positive-discrimination employment-practices contravened the EU equal-

EPARATE European legislation adds considerably to our own confusion. UK courts can refer to any of the many different forms of European law which set the legal framework around sex discrimination through directives, treaties, codes of practice or resolu-tions. The implications can be considerable. Recently, a transsexual has successfully used European directives on "equal treatment" in a way that makes it probable that the UK Sex Discrimination Act may now apply to all sexual minorities.

The EOC itself admits the

treatment directive.

need to simplify the situation under one new Equal Treatment Law. This does not go far enough. Even if laws were simplified, the fundamental had deteriorated. An indus- question remains: which groups — if any — need additional protection in our changing economy? This can't be answered without a full and thorough investigation into what is happening in the economy and how sex discrimination intersects with that — something which the Equal Opportunities Commission shows no sign of initiating. Instead they trundle on with a ragbag of chaotic

Surely, instead of birthday parties, now is the time for some sort of enquiry into the for Muslim girls. Of course, role of the EOC itself.



First Lady of cock-up

Whitewater cover-ups, White House seances: Hillary Clinton is such a disaster she could unwittingly help her husband, argues Jonathan Freedland

day night, taking an early look at Independence Day, the upcoming sci-fi blockbuster which imagines America succumb ing to an alien invasion from outer space. The climax scene - already shown in trailers across the country — features the White House itself, spectacularly blown up by extra

A chill must have passed through the President as he watched that moment. For his administration is under hos-tile fire just now and, as the assaults mount, there must be moments when he, too, won-ders if the whole thing is about to blow up in his face. But here's the difference. In the movie, the enemy is a strange force from far away.

in real-life, the president's enemy is within. It is his wife, For Bill Clinton is married to America's worst politician. She is the source of almost all his trouble, acting as a jam-ming signal — blocking out his message as he seeks reelection in November. The US electorate are struggling to hear his calls for education, the environment and a balanced budget, but they're all but drowned out by the daily drumbeat of Whitewater - in which Hillary Clinton has become the chief suspect. And now this: yesterday's revela-tion that she is a Nancy

Reagan-style nut, communi-

her lack of acumen has been astounding — and costly. She

IIL CLINTON was cating in a semi-trance with in the White House the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt and taking advice from an acid-dropping mystic who sounds like a cross between Doris Stokes and Rasputin. Administration officials are shocked by this latest discov-ery about their First Lady. Few thought it possible that she could be stupid enough to conduct a quasi-seance in the White House solarium, in the presence of cides. One of them was bound to spill the beans, and now they have. It's a shock because since 1992 it has become compul-

sory — on the right as well as the left — to describe Mrs Clinton as Smart, highpowered and tightly self-discinined. As such she has be-come a symbol of accomplished women the world over, a human experiment in which all women have a stake. If she is accepted, goes the reasoning, then the door is open to others like her - women like Cherie Booth, for example. If she is not, then they are not. But this is bad reasoning

based on a false premise: for Hillary Clinton is not smart Whatever her skills as a lawyer — however booksmart, in US argot - she is inept as a politician. She is weak exactly where her husband is strong. in the prime art of politics: the ability to understand how an action will be perceived before taking it. Think back to the 1992 campaign. Hillary Clinton managed to alienate

millions of women by disparaging fulltime motherhood as staying at home "baking cookies all day". Maybe it was meant as a critique of the life of a political spouse, but it was offensive.

Once in the White House, as the congressional of the world look like? Didn't she realise what that would look like? Didn't she has an apprentice ship on the congressional on with it. Her inserting on with it. Her inserting and the congressional on with it.

was entrusted with the flag-ship of Bill Clinton's agenda – health care reform – and she ran it aground, paving the way for the Republican land-slide of 1994. She did it by behaving like a Soviet commissar, gathering policy plan-ners in secret and designing a government bureaucracy so complex it looked like a cir-cuit-board. Her husband, who understands both the importance of simplicity in politics and the American revulsion to Big Government, would never have sired such a tur-key himself. In 1998, senior White House

counsellor David Gergen sug-gested handing over all Whitewater documentation to the Washington Post and the New York Times. That way they could boast total openness, and hope to ride out any ensuing storms in time to kill the story long before the 1996 Election. President Clinton thought it was a great idea Guess who vetoed the plan? The First Lady argued that Whitewater was none of the press's business and she prevailed. The outcome was 14 months of senate hearings. a special prosecutor, a raft of indictments and a guarantee that the scandal will now cast

Pundits like to joke that Whitewater is a cover-up without a crime. It certainly looks that way, thanks to Hillary. It was she — not her ther off the mark because — husband — who despatched unlike her supposed role modher top aides into the office of | el - Hillary Clinton has | pay the price.

committee that probed Water-gate — that it's always the cover-up that gets you in the

end? It got worse. Mrs Clinton conveniently lost key billing records — sought by investi-gators for more than two years — only to find them again in the White House private residence, once the stat-ute of limitations had passed. That could yet result in an indictment for obstruction of justice. Hillary Clinton's fingerprints were on those re-cords and they're all over every scandal that has buf-feted the Clinton presidency. There are now hearings on why the White House was snooping through more than 400 FBI files on leading Republican opponents.

No one's suggested — yet — that Mrs Clinton read them, but the accused men are drawn from her circle.

has acted like a lawyer, not a politician saying the least she can get away with, rather than coming clean. This is what makes Hillary Clinton's constant invocations of (and incantations tating. Mrs Roosevelt was attacked for progressive positions on poverty, not because she once lawyered for frauda pall over the entire sters and then stashed the documents which proved it in her bedroom.

The comparison is yet fur-

the last county says much about this national state in the last county says much about this national says much time looking the mirror, and not enough looking out the window. the window.

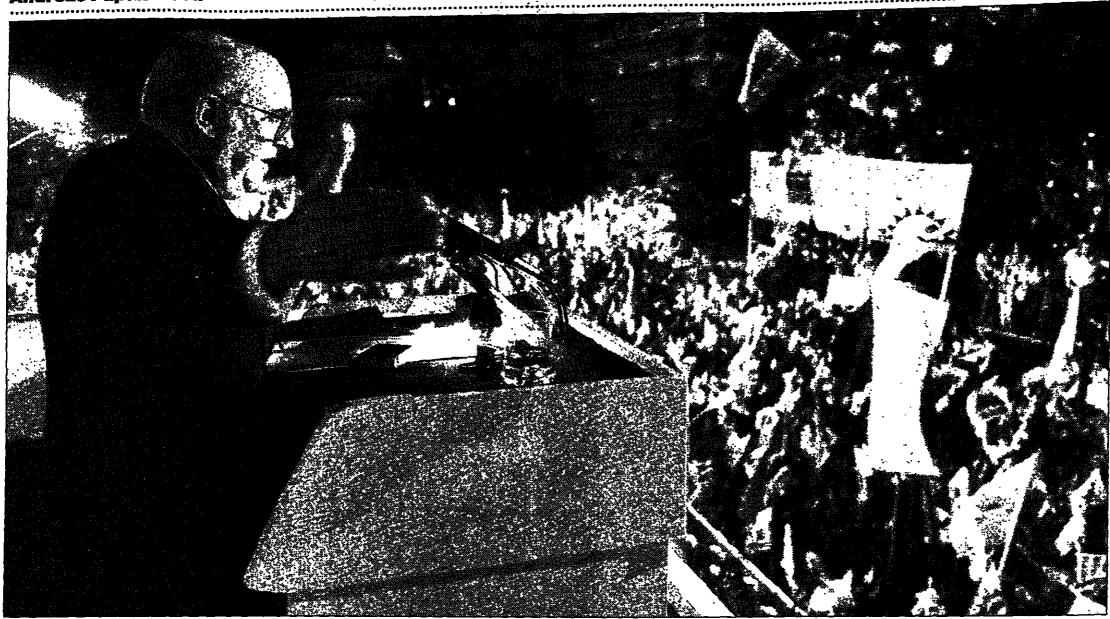
But this may not so all ten for Bill Clinton, Republicans for But Company registration in like to charge that all parties in the Whitewater scandal lead to one person: Hillary Clinton That means they down lead to her husband. Apprentis is the Republicans bigger may By focusing on her they the heat off him keper since there is nothing in can do about her; The president can't sack her, Congress can't impeach her, and the electorate can't vote against her. If Whitewater ultimately reduces to a scandal exclusively about Hillary Clinton it could become the scandal

that goes nowhere. Some Arkansas veterans wonder if this is deliberate, a kind of Good Cop/Bad Cop game the Clintons have played before. She becomes the villain, and we like him more. Even if it is not so calculated, the travails of Hillary Clinton are not the "war on all women" some Democrats have alleged. Admit-tedly, there are plenty of sex-ists who loathe Hillary Clinton simply because she is a woman with power. But most Americans were ready to give her a chance. By her self-indulgence, arrogance and incompetence she has blown that chance.

And now millions of womer and her husband — could



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Prime time Papandreou . . . the Greek leader addressing a meeting in Salonika during the 1985 elections

Greek myth and earthly powers

tenure of office was known to

have spent well over a million

pounds on his new wife's lux-

In reality, privilege was

nothing new to a man born

the son of George Papan-dreou, a liberal politican who

led the Centre Union party

before serving as prime min-ister. But Andreas took pains

Chios, be was educated at

most prestigious school

along with Greece's elite. Un

like his peers, he kept out o the limelight in Greece — and

set sail, aged 20, for the US after a brief spell in prison for

his opposition to the right

wing Metaxas dictatorship

Later he would proudly recal

how he landed in New York

almost penniless, like thou

sands of other Greek immi-

grants. He spent most of the

Athens College, the country's

urious pink home.

was one of Greece's most complex politicians and personalities. The socialist leader, three times a prime minister, will be remembered as the man who legitimised the left after a brutal civil war - though he did it in a way that often exasperated many contradictions or his machiavellian character-Greece's western allies.

His legacy was founded as much on his love for the unpredictable - in 1989, at the start of his battle against heart disease, he married an air hostess 36 years his junior — as it was on his determinain the face of death.

Not even Papandreou's lieve his seemingly superhuman ability to survive the health problems that brought him to the brink of death a number of times in recent years. His discharge, in March, from the Onassis Heart Hospital where he spent four months on a life support system, was met with widespread astonishment.

Because power ended up being his life-force, the charismatic politician only reluc-tantly agreed to make way for a successor last January. But. nursed by his headstrong wife Dimitra "Mimi" Liani, he died resolutely refusing to surrender the powerful post as leader of his Panhellenic Socialist (Pasok) party.

From the moment he returned to Greece in 1959 after years living in the United States as an academic, to his meteoric rise to power in 1981, Papandreou courted

controversy. What mattered most to the leader was his mission to introduce socialism to his homeland after decades of right-wing rule following the defeat of communist insurcan-backed nationalists in the 1946-49 civil war. The electoral victories of Pasok in 1981, 1985 and 1993 demonstrated, beyond doubt, that his project had succeeded. In underprivileged. newly- Goodbye again . . . Papandreon with his wife Dimitra

economics professor to change his policies and personae at a rate that surprised even his most staunch sup-porters. The Pasok "father" will go down in Greek history as a crucial post-war democratic leader, but posterity may not look as kindly on his

traits which were the origin of the Papandreou myth.
As the strong man of Greek
politics he seemed able to storms. But surreal scandal record of handling power. In 1990, Papandreou became Greece's only civilian leader to be accused of serious wrongdoing because of his role in the notorious multimillion dollar embezziement at the Bank of Crete. In January 1992, he was acquitted of the charges by a single vote at a special tribunal set up to

hear the case - which he snubbed from day one - and less than two years later he was re-elected as "Papan-dreou, O Siderenios" (the iron man). He was an arch populist Greeks always referred to him as "Andreas" — and no

other politician's name had ever become a household word: it was a source of great pride to Papandreou. But by the time of his death after 30 his end was not illustrious.

Papandreou. Only in his last years did

the man behind the masks begin to exhibit a real emo-tion although, ironically, it was only through the weakness he displayed with Mimi, his third and last wife. A philanderer all his life,

Papandreou was 68 when he fell for the Olympic Airways stewardess as she served him drinks on an official trip to China in 1987. Two years later - in a move that, again, conweather any number of firmed his love for the controversial — he married the towalso stuck to the socialists' ering blonde, despite national ondemnation of the couple highly public affair. Few at the time believed he would get away with it. The marriage stunned voters, coming so soon after open-heart sur gery in 1988 and the wellpublicised rupture with his former wife, Margaret Chant, an American who still lives in Athens with their four children. But, ever the master-strategist, the visibly frail Papandreou anticipated correctly that, in one of Europe's most macho societies, the marriage would be a vote-winner. It simply highlighted his prescient sense of timing and shrewdness, and his justified reputation as the

Having gained a doctorate in economics at Harvard and served during the war as a non-combatant in the US eternal "come-back man". navy, he took US citizenship. He met Margaret, his second wife, in a dentist's waiting room, and dedicated his next two decades solely to aca-demic life. The climax of his career was his appointment as chairman of the economics department at the University of California, Berkeley.

noney on a haircut.

He was a mainstream liberal democrat, and cam-paigned for Adlai Stevenson in the 1952 presidential election won by Eisenhower. He was considering a political career in the US but, in early middle age, he took the path that catapulted him from relative obscurity to national and. later, international, fame by returning to Greece. In 1959, Constantine Karamanlis, leader of the right, found Andreas (at the request of his father) a job heading the newly-established Centre for

NDREAS Papan urbanised Greeks at last years dominating Greek poli | During his last months in | Economic Research in Ath- released eight months later | had flocked to the cities after dreou. who has found a champion. But the tics, there were few who office he was felt to have important the last half the population, who has found a champion but the former | knew, or could tell, the real | properly surrendered himself | was initially hesitant about | powerful friends in Washing- least half the population, who settling in Greece, but soon threw himself into the hurlyto Mimi, the "dream woman". who soon became his chief of burly of domestic politics. staff. The man who won the On gaining power in 1964, George made his son a cabinet affection of the Greek working classes by eschewing crass materialism during his

minister, though he said Andreas was the last person he would ever want to see lead the country. During his childhood and for much of his youth. Papandreou had a notoriously bad relationship with his father - who deserted Andreas's mother for a famous Greek actress when the boy was 10. However, once he

By creating a new language influenced by **Hemingway and** Chandler - he emerged as a fiery orator

with "the old man" to the point of admitting, years later, that he had always been bent on proving himself to him. The mid-1960s were hectic years for Greece, as the country lurched from one political crisis to another, beginning with the inter-communal struggles between Greeks and Turks on Cyprus. Believing his country's over-dependence on Washington was to blame for most of its woes. Panandreou renounced his American citizenship and traded his liberal views for increasingly radical ones. Overnight, he became the bele noir of the US embassy, the royal palace, and the growing number of hard-core rightists

in the armed forces. When, in 1967, a group of junior army officers seized power in a clear bid to preempt a widely predicted Cen-tre Union victory at the polls. Papandreou junior was among the first to be targeted. He was imprisoned, but ton, who included the economist John K Galbraith. For the seven years that the Colonels were in power. Papandreou became immersed in frantic anti-junta activity in Sweden and Canada while resuming his life as a univer-

It didn't matter that he spoke Greek with a foreign intonation or that his background was a favoured one, exiled compatriots rushed to join his resistance group, the Panhellenic Liberation Movelina Mercouri, spearheaded the international propaganda campaign against the Colonels, smuggling arms and communications equipment, often against the greatest odds, to freedom fighters in Greece. It was this activity

pandreou myth. Returning to Greece on the collapse of the Colonels' regime in 1974, alongside Kar amanlis, the country's new centre-right prime minister, Papandreou set about creat-ing Pasok out of PAK. For most of the electorate, expect ing bim to relaunch the Cen-tre Union, it was the first surprise in a political career that would be proverbial for its unpredictability.

that soon (and usefully) led to

the birth of the Andreas Pa-

Inspired loosely by Marxist ideas, Pasok offered a catchall ideology. Well-organised, especially in the countryside. it offered a home to a dispa-rate group of hardline left-wingers who had never found shelter in the KKE, Greece's ultra-orthodox communist party, and liberals,

Indeed, it was on the slogar Indeed, it was on the stogan of "allagi" or change that Pasok swept to power after another seven years. From winning only 13.6 per cent of the vote in 1974, Pasok went on to a landslide victory in 1981 with over 48 per cent and 172 seats in the 300-member parliament.

For the first time, the vast army of defeated civil war leftwingers and villagers who had long feared the watchful eye of Greece's right-wing governments — got a place in the sun, the symbol Papandreou astutely gave his party. On winning power, Papan-dreou redefined himself, dropping his academic profile for that of a leather-jacketed

populist hero who drank as fast as he danced, although the haughty air was always maintained in his dealings with Pasok cadres. By abandoning the claborate prose of his predecessors ister. But Andreas took pains entered politics himself, Pato bide his bon viveur tenden pandreou became obsessed which also boasted personal language — heavily influctes. Born on the island of the pandreou became obsessed ities like the late actress Meterical by Hemingway and Chandler, his favourite Anglo-Saxon authors - he

emerged as a flery orator with an unrivalled ability to rouse crowds from the balcony. Spouting his populist cant, Papandreou won rapid support by tapping into the "underdog" psychology that was part of the Greek tradition because of geography and centuries of Ottoman rule. Declaring that "Greece belonged to the Greeks" he played on traditional antiwestern sentiment, and taunted the country's allies with threats to pull the country out of the European Community and Nato. and dismantle the few American bases on Greek soil.

Within the west, the harangues met with widespread dismay. But home audiences felt Greece had long been the victim of foreign interference and warmed to the nationalist rhetoric - which dominated the socialists' hardline ap-proach to Greek-Turkish relations and, more lately, Macedonia.

During his first term in office, Papandreou set about redeeming his pre-election pledges. He transformed the country, established a social welfare service, including a Greek national health system (with generous support from EU funds), promoted women's rights by introducing one of Europe's most progressive family laws, and boosted the infrastructure in the country-side. But his second administration was mired by strikes, scandals and setbacks in local elections.

Radically tempering the

rhetoric of his early days, he abandoned his past populism and, under pressure from Brussels, implemented tough economic stabilisation measures in a bid to tackle mammoth budget deficits caused largely by his own free-spending ways. Although opponents now castigated their policies as Thatcherite. the socialists were poised for another electoral victory in 1989 when the scandal at the Bank of Crete broke. The furore. with Papandreou accused of masterminding a plan to remove millions from state deposits lodged at the bank, marked the lowest point of his political career.

His ignominious defeat at the polls was followed by three years in the political wilderness. His health was waning, and few believed he could make a political come-back. But, with the outgoing New Democracy party racked by inner dissent over its handling of the highly charged Macedonia imbroglio. Papandreou defied expectation — cruising to vic-tory in October 1993. Never, it seemed, was triumph won with less effort. "After the political vendetta that was waged against me in 1989, this is my ultimate vindication." ne said.

His re-election, for a third term in 12 years, was made sweeter by the fact that it was gained over his long-standing rival, the outgoing Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis. Their feud went back to the mid-1960s when Mitsotakis deserted the ruling Centre Union party, triggering the government's downfall Papandreou was always obed with revenge for this betrayal, which he felt had precipitated the Colonel's coup in 1967. He returned to office as a fully-fledged social democrat and a leader seek ing consensus, not least with

his western allies. During his last term, Greece had cast off its reputation as the EU's wilful enfant terrible despite frequent differences over Balkan policies. But the euphoria surrounding his spectacular comeback soon subsided as his health worsened. Throughout his career, Papandreou ruthlessly dispensed with col-leagues who had either fallen out of favour or seemed not up to the job. In his first term there were 17 cabinet reshuffles. But his vanity made him incapable of delegating power when that was most needed. His stubborn refusal to appoint a successor was the spark that ignited flerce infighting amongst socialists. Pasok, his spiritual child, had virtually collapsed by the time he was rushed to hospital.

Andreas Papandreou never had many personal friends, but as a leader he always inspired enormous warmth and admiration amongst his colleagues. Only months before his death, and echoing the sentiment of several of his ministers, one cabinet member declared he was quite prepared to give up his life for him. "Papandreou is a legend, in that he stands somewhere between us and the gods. He has done more for this country than anyone else. I would easily die for him," the minister intoned, without a hint of sarcasm. What the maverick leader

equalit

never managed to do was revamp Greece's byzantine public administration or eradicate corruption at the top of society and the allconsuming patronage system. Because he made more promises than he could ever keep, it is debatable whether Papandreou should be cata-gorised as the last of the dinosaurs — as the Greeks have long called their geriatric rulers - or the first of the country's modernisers. What promises he did honour, however, changed the face of Greece. Even his enemies and he had many — would concede that his death con-

cludes a vibrant political era. Helena Smith

Andreas George Papandreou. politician, born February 5, 1919; died June 23, 1996

Ray Lindwall

Role model of fast modern cricket

a heroic rigure and one of cricket's golden ages. Very arguably be was also the greatest of all Australian fast bowlers, and one of the pioneering figures

of the modern game. Lindwall found fame on the 1948 tour of England — Don Bradman's last — when he was the chief offensive weapon in Australia's 4-0 triumph. England, still strug-gling after the war, were hopelessly outclassed. But. in contrast to recent defeats by similar margins, the series is remembered for the magnifi-cence of Australia's cricket.

not English incompetence.
As captain, Bradman used As captain, Bradman used Lindwall sparingly. And MCC came to their senses, this was rejected as a danger-tous and well-directed bouncer—bumper as it was

AY LINDWALL. who has died aged 74, was a heroic figure from one of cricket's ages. Very arguably: also the greatest of all lian fast bowlers, and then the possibility when he was bowling, that at the pienesting figures.

By men like Bradman, Walter Hammond and Len Hutton, who built up massive scores on friendly pitches.

It was Lindwall who correct his faults.

It was Lindwall who restored the balance between the pienesting figures. when he took towting, that at any moment he might un-leash a rip-snorting short-pitched ball at the batsman's head, dictated the terms of trade. Lindwall injured six batsmen that summer; Eng-

land had no one who could possibly retaliate.

This was the beginning of modern Test cricket, in which Lindwall is a role model. In 1932-33 England had gone too 1932-35 Eriganu usu gone no far, when Harold Larwood's bumper, bowled to the "Body-line" field, had constituted the thrust of the attack. When

manner that was manly and thrilling but within the ac-cepted bounds of fair play. That paved the way for Eng-land's great fast bowlers. Trueman and Statham, and the long list of Australian and West Indian pacemen who have set the standard for the

past three decades. Ray Lindwall was a Sydney boy and watched Larwood during the Bodyline series. He played with other kids on patches of green and in the streets, choosing — it is said - the street down which the great leg-spinner Bill O'Reilly and got his bowling into a wall, watching himself on walked home in the hope of beautiful groove. Halfway film, discovered that that all catching his eye. At the St through the home 1948-47 the effort and pain failed to

There were quite a lot of these and, as a youngster, Lindwall's batting was more compelling than his bowling at 15 he made a century and double-century in different matches on the same day. And even after the war he laws by "dragging" his back foot before releasing the ball. But he was a smart learner and a dedicated practiser during the war, when he was in the South Pacific and suffered horribly from either malaria or something very

like it, he marked out his run-

up between the palm trees and got his bowling into a

series against England he and Keith Miller emerged as the undisputed leaders of Austraat Sydney. Lindwall took seven for 63, and after taking seven for 38 against India a year later came to England an established star.

He was injured during the First Test of 1948 but in three of the subsequent four he was devastating. Though his bumper was so feared, 43 of his 86 victims on the tour were bowled. He had a clever slower ball (good for modern one-day cricket) and, though his arm was too low to satisfy the sternest purists, he was close to being the complete fast bowler.

Sir Pelham Warner once exclaimed "Poetry!" and Lind-wall, watching himself on



Ray Lindwall .

"I don't look tired." he murnured with surprise. Lindwall played Test cricket for more than another decade and toured England again in 1953 and 1956 when the balance of power had tilted tilted and England had the quickest bowlers. His shock effect declined but, like his eventual heir Dennis Lillee, he compensated by his canni-

ness, mastery of technique, and utter determination, Jack Fingleton said Lindwall never liked bowling much, and always preferred batting (he made two Test centuries). but he was opening Australia's attack as late as December

1959, when he was 38. He was not a flamboyant character like Miller, who was in London last week shooting down what he regards as over-technical bullshit as forcefully as ever.
Cardus rated Lindwall alongside Ted McDonald as "the
most hostile and artistic fast bowlers I have ever seen"; but

he preferred to write about Miller, who was better copy.

Lindwall was a quieter man. He was a phenomenal all-round sportsman: he could easily have been could easily have been a rugby league international, and he ran 100 yards in 10.6 seconds. But when he retired he ran a florist's shop in the centre of Brisbane. a gentle counterpoint to his earlier life.

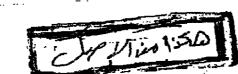
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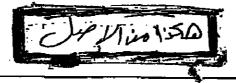
Ray Lindwall, cricketer, born October 3, 1921; died June 22, 1996

Birthdays

Jeff Beck, blues and rock guitarist, 52: Quentin Bell, public relations consultant, 52: Lord Braine, former Con-servative MP and Leader of the House, 82; Claude Chabrol, film director, 66: Robin Cutler, director-general, Forestry Commission 62; Garfield Davies, general secretary, Usdaw, 61; Anita Desai, novelist, 59; Roger Dobson, director-general, In-stitution of Civil Engineers, 60; Jack Dunnett, former president, Football League, 74: Mick Fleetwood, rock drummer, 49: William Gaskill, theatre director, 66: Prof Sir Fred Hoyle, astronomer and science fiction writer, 81; Betty Jackson, fashion designer, 49; John McCormick, controller of BBC Scotland, 52; Prof John Postgate, microbiologist, 74; Robert Reich, US Labour Secretary, 50; Betty Stove, tennis player, 51; Gary Waller. Conservative MP. 51; Mary Wesley, writer, 84; Gerald Williams, tennis

commentator, 67.







Return of the feudal barons



Larry Elliott

UBLISHERS simply adore the millennium. Barely a week goes by without the appearance on the shelves of a new tome chockfull of Nostradamus-style insights into what life will be like in the 21st century. We would probably be

ready for a vision, whatever the date. After the dry monetarist preaching of the eighties, the nineties are awash with uncertainty and anxiety. Truly, this is the Age of Insecurity, and that jars with everything we have been led

The modern West has been For the past two centuries, each generation has taken it for granted that technology will become more sophisticated and that living standards will inexorably rise. As far as the leaders of the West are concerned, this still holds true. When the Group of Seven (G7) nations ends its summit in Lyons on Saturdeficits, combat terrorism, support the multilateral trading system, ease developing countries' debt and stamp out organised crime, corruption and drug-trafficking.

The problem for G7 is the growing disparity between what it says is going on in the world economy and condi-tions on the ground. At the top, life is sweet. Communism's collapse has meant rich and easy pickings for an élite few, but at the expense of an explosion in inequality. Some economists see this as

an inevitable phase of capitalism. A recent book by Graeme Snooks*, Professor of economic history at the Australian National University in Canberra, argues that the world is — and always has been — shaped by what he calls dynamic materialism.
Snooks sees history as the survival of the fittest, in which "mankind struggles against other species and its

own kind for scarce natural

resources in order to survive and prosper". As a case study, he points to Australia in the late 18th century, when the closed Aboriginal culture came up against a model of Western develop ment (Britain) battle-scarred from constant struggle with other European nation states. It was no contest. Aborigi-

nique which will stress that the future looks bright provided everybody co-operates to fight inflation, curb fiscal comfortable lifestyle was America, where the signs of the retreat into privacy. More made possible with a combi-nation of traditional technology and population control to busband resources.

. But as soon as this closed society's isolation ended its demise was inevitable. Snooks sees a parallel between Aborginal Australia and some of the more fundamentalist anti-growth ecologists of today.

Human nature is unchanging, so any attempt to eliminate materialist man's primal urges could only be achieved through a global dictatorship which in the end would push man away from growth through technology to growth through the only other avail-

NE of the prob-lems with this ar-gument, as the book acknowledges, is that progress is neither seamless nor trouble-free. Ultimately, the collapse of the Roman Empire As Thurow puts it, the role paved the way for the cul- of government in the modern tural, political and technological changes necessary for the emergence of the modern industrialised West. But the key word is "ultimately". It took 1,000 years and the Dark

Ages to do it.

This recognition — that society could step over the brink into an abyss of chaos - has started to alarm econo-

America, where the signs of the retreat into privacy. More dislocation, dysfunction and is spent on private than pubpossible collapse are much more obvious. Lester Thurow, in his mil-

lennium offering, The Future of Capitalism, makes the point that many successful societies existed with inequality - Ancient Rome, the Incas, classical China - but all had political systems that worked with the grain of the

economic framework.
Inequality worked fine alongside slavery, but once you added democracy to the equation things became combustible. Democracy and inequality simply don't mix.
For the best part of two cen-

turies this was recognised, by right as well as left. Indeed some of the more progressive social measures were intro-duced by liberal patricians such as Roosevelt, Disraeli and Bismarck, who could see the argument for giving everybody a stake in the capitalist system.

West has been primarily to reduce inequality — be it through the free land offered by the Homestead Acts, the constraints on monopolies imposed by the anti-trust legislation, or the GI Bill that provided free male education. Now he sees a different possibility — that the West may be on the brink of plunging

ity are left in poverty. Only 7 per cent of rural blacks have

a toilet that flushes, 11 per

cent have mains electricity.

inequality, to reduce poverty for blacks (and some whites),

has achieved nothing. Everyone agrees that the

the post-apartheid governme

lic policing in America, which is bardly surprising given that 28 million people there now live in walled, gated and guarded communi-ties. In one such in California there is a wall, a moat, a drawbridge and a device that shoots a metal cylinder through the bottom of unau-

S IN the Dark Ages, superstition, mysti-cism and fundamentalism are on the rise. Strange inex-plicable plagues wreak havoc, and the mood is of debilitat-During the fall of the

Roman Empire, decline fed upon itself, because once the economy stopped growing there was no longer the money to maintain the infrastructure. The rich didn't want to pay taxes, so social

Eventually living standards fell, work became harder and less productive and there was more overcrowding. Where the sophisticated Roman sysage were allowed to decay, so public infrastructure in America has been halved in the past 20 years. In the middle Ages, people lived in constant fear of crime. There "The Dynamic Society: Routwere youth gangs, there were

crippling level of unemployment. The ILO report sug-

gests a jobless rate of 20 per cent, while the government

and trade unions put the fig-ure closer to 33 per cent.

When they stop arguing about the numbers, both agree the problem is still acute.

But the government is

afraid a more expansionary

economic policy, or large-scale public sector employ-

rail its attempts to win credibility on the world's fi-

nancial markets. So the highest real interest rates in the

world are maintained, while a

tough plan to bring South Af-rica's budget deficit down to

muggings and there was graf-

You don't have to buy the full Thurow thesis to recognise that there might be some thing in it. The case remains compelling for using the tax system to reduce income in equality, for the public realm to be built up, for controls on the global capital markets. So why is this not being shouted from the rooftops? A

good starting point is to ask who exactly supports the current configuration of policy. Who thinks there is nothing wrong with income inequality being greater than at any time since records began? Who is arguing that attempts by the state to smooth out inequality must by definition be bad, that the private sector is to be preferred to the public sector, that low taxation is vital to increase the incentives of wealth creators?

The answer is, of course, the new class of feudal barons - the rich and powerful who live in their walled fortresses, protected by retainers, who avoid paying taxes whenever they can, and demand that the government keep the peasants in check with an increasingly draconian criminal jus-tice system.

These people find it hard to understand the popularity of Pat Buchanan. They should flick through a history book

was the recession. The reason

Cautionary tale of Thatcher's 1980s disaster

WORLDVIEW/The 364 economists may have been pilloried for protest but they were on right track, says EDWARD BALLS

EMEMBER the 364 high interest rates was high inflation. And the reason for high inflation was that the Times in March 1981 to pro-test at the Conservative gov-ernment's monetarist Budget which raised taxes while the economy was still believed to be in recession.

Folklore says the economic statistics soon revealed that the recovery was already underway and the economists were pilloried for many years. The reality is somewhat dif-ferent. For the 364 economists need not have been denying the need to bring the Budget deficit under control. In fact, a tighter fiscal policy was al-most certainly the right pol-icy for investment and ex-ports. The monetarist mistake between 1979 and 1982 was to combine tax in-creases with high interest rates, so allowing a high ex-change rate to wreak havoc across large swathes of British industry — a disastrous error from which the British economy has still to recover.

This cautionary tale of Mrs Thatcher's economic experiment of the early 1980s is vividly told in the tables and graphs of an article in the recent OECD Outlook. The OECD is very keen, for good reasons, that governments cut their budget deficits. But it is worried that they will not do so for fear that cutting deficits will prove deflationary. So it demonstrates that there is no evidence that fiscal consolida-tion leads uniformly to low economic growth. If anything, the charts show that countries which cut their budget deficits more tended to grow faster

rather than slower.
What is fascinating, however, is the questions the OECD does not ask and the facts it does not explain. Why have countries like Italy or Britain failed to bring their deficits under control? Why was the UK such an outlier in the early 1980s, with the worst growth record of all the 15 episodes the OECD studied?.

The problem is that the OECD does not try to disen-

tangle why fiscal deficits be-came a problem in the first place. Fiscal deficits are often symptoms of deeper economic tmhalances. Most countries facing large budget deficits also have high inflation and large current accounts deficits — a tell-tale sign that the exchange rate is over-valued. Look at Britain at the end of fiscal deficit grew so large

high inflation was that the capacity of the economy, par-ticularly manufacturing, was too weak to sustain growth without pushing up prices and sucking in imports.

So economic theory says that to keep the fiscal deficit down, your macroeconomic policy must address the weakness of the productive, export-ing sector of the economy. Cut the budget deficit and

at the same cut interest rates a recession; the exchange rate falls and makes domestic goods cheaper compared with foreign substitutes; exports grow and investment in domestic production increases. The Conservative govern-

ment's mistake in 1979 was to take the opposite approach, trying to combine deficit reduction with a policy for a strong pound and high interest rates. It made a damaging recession inevitable and, far from boosting the industrial and exports sector, crushed it. This was the point the 364

economists were — or should have — been making. Nor could the solution simply be

British economy has still to recover from monetarist error of 1979-1982

to reflate the economy. For, as Ken Coutts and Wynne Godley presciently wrote in the Cambridge Economic Policy Review the following year: "Reflation may check indus-trial decline but it will not put the process into reverse." So rebalancing macroeco

nomic policy, combining a tighter fiscal policy with a looser monetary policy, is necessary for bringing the fiscal deficit under control and reviving investment-led growth, as the current US recovery is demonstrating. But it is not enough. Since 1992, the Conserva-

tives have raised taxes dramatically, the exchange rate has fallen 20 per cent, interest rates have been cut by five percentage points, but investment remains stagnant, export growth has been sluggish, the trade deficit has grown — and the UK still has the 1980s. The reason why the structural budget defi-fiscal deficit grew so large cit. Macroeconomic policy cannot, alone, reverse years for the recession was high in- of neglect of our industrial

Inequality survives apartheid's demise Insider has indispensable

BRIEFING/South Africa's new elite shows | equality - primarily between | South Africa's well-heeled ur- | mal, salaried work. On any blacks and whites - has di | han Canada, while the major- | measure, South Africa has a that market-based reforms run only skin deep, writes RICHARD THOMAS

day, it will release a commu- nal Australia was not back-

"Things are not as easy once you are actually in power, says one. The second agrees It is a question of what is achievable, what your priorities are, where sacrifices will fall. Tough choices have to be

Harvard Business School students? Gordon Brown's press officers? In fact, the speakers are Jabulani Moleketti and Pule Makgoe, high-flyers in the South African government's civil service.

These are the winners in the new South Africa, black high-achievers who have muscled in on the rewards previously guarded by the white minority. They are highly educated: with Joel Netshitenzhe -- an aide to Nelson Mandela widely ripped as the next general sec-retary of the ANC — they spent the weekend in London fine-tuning their brains at a Centre for International Edu-Centre for International Edu-cation in Economics seminar, duction (May).

the challenges of government in the 1990s. As civil servants, they are As civil servants, they are well paid. Next month their pay packets will swell again,

When apartheld was swept away it was one of the most unequal countries in the world, effectively two nations: a poverty-stricken Congo alongside an affluent Canada. The gap between rich and poor is, however, the same today as it was in 1980. But the racial dimension to

despite the government's fis-cal austerity in other areas.

the rich/poor divide has al-tered. While inter-racial in-

Indicators

TODAY - GER: Cost of Living (June). TOMORROW - FR Consumption (May).
US: Consumer Confidence (June). WEDNESDAY - FR: Visible Trade

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minished sharply, the level of intra-racial inequality, partic-ularly within the black population, has soared.

The gap between races is still huge. An International Labour Office report on the South African labour market, to be published later this week, says the white minority scoops up 61 per cent of the national income — down from 72 per cent in 1960.

But the racial divide is no longer the biggest factor be-hind inequality in South Africa. The ILO estimates that in 1980 that divide accounted for 65 per cent of all earnings inequality. Today the figure has dropped to 42 per cent.

UK: Non-EU Trade (May).

LISSE GDP (Q1).

GER Bundesbank Council Masting

FRIDAY - JP: Unemployment Rate

FR: Unemployment Rate (May). LHC: National Accounts (Q1).

GDP in the richest provinces is more than six times that of the former "homelands". The labour market trends strike at the heart of the postapartheid revolution. Was the goal simply to create a market economy without the racism
— to put some pigment into prosperity? If so, progress is being made. But if the aim was to tackle the overall levels of

Some blacks — such as Mr Moleketti and Mr Makgoe have jumped the fence into

way to reduce the gap be-tween rich and poor is to im-4 per cent of GDP is pushed through. Tough choices, inprove opportunities for fordeed. But tough for whom?

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view of share-price boom Worm's eye

Dan Atkinson

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Czech Republic 1, Portugal 0

ride their luck

HE spirit, if not the qual-

ity, of the Czechs' tri-umph in the 1976 Euro-

pean Championship took the

Republic into the semi-finals of the 1996 tournament at

Villa Park last night when an

excellent piece of improvisa-tion by Karel Poborsky ended

Portugal's attempt to bewitch

Having already been largely responsible for the elimination of Italy, the

zechs now meet France at

Old Trafford on Wednesday.

The good news for the French

is that the opposition will be

without four regular players

Suchoparek, Latal, Beibl

and Kuka — all of whom are

suspended after receiving second yellow cards. Latal, in

fact, was sent off nine min-

utes from the end for a second

At least the concerted

efforts of the Portuguese to

exploit the advantage of an

extra man provided a smat-

tering of belated excitement to a match which had been

Krug, who flourished nine

shape and their wits despite

little of the verve of the side of

20 years ago but they are the

coach's dream, but until Cou-

after 18 minutes their move-

ments were gentle. Sa Pinto

bookable offence.

Euro 96 with passing skills.

Shapely Czechs

On the rebound . . . Sammer picks up the ball as it squirts off Bilic (left) and sweeps Germany's winning goal past Ladic in the Croatia goal at Old Trafford PHOTOGRAPHS: MICHAEL STEELE Over and out . . . the injured Klinsmann leaves the field

Sammer leads march on Wembley

Quarter-final: Germany 2, Croatia 1

Klinsmann out of the semi-final

Martin Thorpe at Old Trafford

HE tabloid newspapers spiked helmet on the head of Berti Vogts. Germany yesterday booked a place in another semi-final with England, a cue for jingoism and time-travel back to 1968. time-travel back to 1966.

The tactical discipline that has characterised Germany's domination of international tournaments over the years saw them through a niggly. bad-tempered game against a Croatia side who, though reduced to 10 men after 57 minutes when Derby County's Igor Stimac was sent off, created enough chances to have won the game.

This is not a great German ici mai Croatia carved out so many opportu-nities against a defence that was not breached in the three group games will hearten the England camp.

Even more encouraging for them is the news that Jürgen Klinsmann will miss the Wembley passion play with a torn muscle in his right calf. With Fredi Bobic taken to hospital with a dislocated shoulder, Germany are running out of strikers.

not need any. Both German goals stemmed from Matthias Sammer, nominally a sweeper but perhaps only be cause he regularly sweeps into the opposing penalty area, a former midfield player at home on the ball and in front of the Croatian goal.

Germany's classy red-head-ed libero is a disrupting influence for opponents unsure how to pick up his stylish strolls downfield. He certainly pulled his team out of the fire. Croatia, who were missing Prosinecki with a leg injury should have scored injury, should have scored more than their one goal but their finishing was as indisciplined as their behaviour.

Stimac was sent off for a foul on Scholl after 57 minutes, an untimely second bookable offence given that his side had just got back into the game via Suker's equaliser, and a mere minute after the dismissal Germany

cored their winner. Perhaps Croatia should already have been down to 10 men. Two minutes before half-time West Ham's Slaven Bilic blatantly kicked the prone Ziege while he lay on the ground after an accidental clash with Bobic that caused the distance of the course the dislocated shoulder.

blight on a Croatian performance that promised much. As early as the 15th minute Vlaovic should have scored from seven yards but shot wide. It proved a costly miss, for six minutes later Germany scored. A 20-yard chip from Scholl released Sammer into the area and as he headed the ball round Jerkan, the Croat blocked it with his

alty appeal turned down when Suker ran into Helmer but they equalised six minutes after the break. Not for the first time the German de-fence looked wobbly when pressured on the ball -Shearer please note. Sammer, hassled by Jurcevic, thought he had found some relief by playing the ball back to Freund. But Jurcevic dispossessed Freund, the ball fell to Suker and he skipped neatly round Köpke to become the first man in Euro 96 to beat the German goalkeeper.

Six minutes later Croatia were down to 10 men, and they promptly conceded the German winner. Babbel escaped down the right and slotted in a cross to Sammer eight houlder, Germany are run-ing out of strikers.

Then again, may be they do of need any Both Cary kindly to Sammer, who swept the ball past Ladic.

As often occurs, the 10 men fought back. Twice in four minutes Suker, perfectly posi-tioned on the back post, was found unmarked by deep crosses from the left, but twice the hero of the victory over Denmark headed disap pointingly straight at Köpke. The final chance fell to Germany but Scholl fluffed an in-

viting back-post opportunity set up by Kuntz's cross.
So the old rivalry is renewed. As for Croatia, they were disappointed not to have made a bigger impact in their first international tourna-ment. But they will have learnt much about what is needed to succeed in readiness for the next World Cim.

The final sight was of Bilio sat alone in the centre circle. he soaked in the reality of de-feat. In his hand was the shirt of the man he kicked, swapped at the end with Ziege ogy. A nice touch at the end of a fractious game.

GERMANY: Köpke; Reuter. Babbet; Sammer. Heimer, Ziege, Schoil (Hässler, 88), Elts, Möller, Klinsmann (Freund. 39), Les ground after an accidental lash with Bobic that caused the dislocated shoulder.

It was an unnecessary Reference L Sunden (Sweden):



tournament's opportunists. Venables's men retreat to oasis of calm before the storm Last night Portugal's early angles were again a delight, their running off the ball a

David Lacey

OT for nothing is England's hotel at Burnham Beeches situated down the road from the church-yard that inspired Gray's Elegy. While the nation prepares to work itself up to fever pitch for Wednesday's European Champion-ship semi-final against Germany, Terry Venables's players have retreated to

their casis of calm.

"You could hear a pin drop at our hotel," the England coach explained yesterday. "The players have done well to easil to before done well to cool it before all the emotion starts up again. We cannot allow ourselves to think that we've done enough. We've got to keep going."
The principal casualty

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from Saturday's match with Spain, Paul Gas-coigne, is having treatment less inclined to give the ball though in the first half we coigne, is having treatment on the ankle damaged when he and Tony Adams went for the same ball. Venables is confident Gascoigne will be fit. The alternative, Ja-

even if Gascoigne is fit. The return of Paul Ince after missing the Spain game through suspension should offset the inconvenience of Adams's advice to the pensions of the convenience of Adams's advice to the pensions. losing Gary Neville to a second yellow card. Ince can resume in front of the

less inclined to give the ball away, as David Platt was doing against Spain. Sig-nificantly Adams retained the captain's armband, de-spite Platt's return.

be fit. The alternative, darmie Redknapp, is nursing strained ankle ligaments but hopes to be available.

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but Adams's leadership but Adams's leadership qualities have been seen at their best in this tournament. "Run through the alty-takers on Saturday. "I said to all of them, keep your legs going and keep stretching."

Adams felt the Spain

to's downward header brought Kouba into action slipped back into bad hab-its. The good thing was the desire of everybody at half-time to put things right." By yesterday morning Venables originally a sun found a better opening six minutes later when Joao Pinto threaded a pass through to him but again Kouba

Venables, originally a sup-porter of sudden-death overtime, had some reservations about the effect of the Golden Goal. "I don't think it makes you brave.' he said. "I think it makes

you even more determined to protect what you've got." "Have you got one word for the Germans?" Adams for the Germans; Anams was asked yesterday. "Only one?" he grinned. English talls are quite definitely up.

• England and Germany can resume in front of the three-man defence of Southgate. Adams and Pearce that Venables employed after half-time on Saturday.

Redknapp could figure in Redknapp could fi

Steamed-up Poborsky winner takes more than half the biscuit

Michael Walker

blocked the shot.

THE wonderful dexterity of Hannu Mikkola, sang Half Man Half Biscuit, "makes me want to shake hands with the whole of Finland." Over the past couple of years football and pop music are said to have synthesised like Yamaha and the organ. But HMHB, big Tranmere Rovers fans, have been doing than thing for a way a doubt their thing for over a decade and who can forget "All I and who can lorger All 1
Want for Christmas is a
Dukla Prague away kit."?
Doubtless for Euro 96 the
man the Biscuits will be wish-

ing to honour in verse is the dynamic Czech midfielder Karel Poborsky, a man with a mane Samson would push pil-lars apart for and a right foot that splinters woodwork from 40 yards.

Unfortunately for the Biscuits, Poborsky plays for Duk-la's rivals. Slavia, though he does have a top-quality nickname - Express Train. Poborsky drove it around Maldani 10 days ago and then chugged past the Russians last Wednesday. If ever there was a train worth observing

closely, it is Poborsky.

After coaxing Helder into a yellow card and whipping in the first of a series of dangerthe first of a series of danger-ous free-kicks, it was just past the half-hour that we saw the Poborsky international de-fenders have come to fear. Collecting a Latal knock for-ward just incide his come belong. ward just inside his own half, he sprang into open Portu-guese territory, fended off Paulo Sousa, rounded Helder and put in the most devious centre to that point.

However, nothing was to prepare us for what Poborsky did next. Seven minutes after the break he ghosted past the break he ghosted past Sousa once again, only to lose control. But the ball cannoned off Oceano and suddenly Poborsky was 18 yards out with only Baia to beat. He assessed the situation immediately. Seeing Baia 10 yards off his line, Poborsky still running, put his foot under the ball and looped the most beautiful, deliberate lob over the scrambling Baia.

The keeper was never to get

The keeper was never to get there; no one could. It was a goal good enough to win any game. Karel Poborsky, we salute you. Your wonderful dexterity makes us want to shake hands with the whole of Upper Silesia.

Vogts injects note of sarcasm The beautiful game made pointless into England match build-up

lan Ross

BERTI VOGTS, the German coach, responsed to the loss of two more key players from the rest of the tournament with a sarcastic message for the more jingoistic among England's supporters. "England can look forward to their game against us, as nei likely to play," he said.

His delight at reaching the semi-finals was tempered by Klinsmann's torn calf muscle and Bobic's dislocated shoulder. Germany have already lost Jürgen Kohler and Mario Basler through injury. Klinsmann seemed close to

tears as he said: "The medi-cal reports say it is a torn muscle — as simple and as bad as that."

Croatia's coach, Miroslav Blazevic, believes the Ger-

mans may prove too strong for England in midweek: "I wonder if the English team can recuperate fully after playing an extra 30 minutes against the Spanish."

O commentator concerned about his credibility is yet ready to state that the laws — or the size of the goals — should be becaused but the process of the control of the con Bilic, his central defender, disagrees. He said: "I played against England at Wembley changed but the several million of us who devoted 5% recently and now against Ger-many. And I have to say Eng. land are a much better team. hours of a summer Saturday to watching four of the Germany have had a lot of luck in this tournament and the second biggest tournatoday it was the most impor-

any more.

Football's great advantage over all its rivals is that its Football's great advantage over all its rivals is that its scoring can be so spectacular — Paul Gascoigne's goal against Scotland was more sublime than any home run against Scotland was more sublime than any home run or long-range slap shot ever scored — but such moments remain dispiritingly rare. Goalless draws can have their charms but anyone who wants to watch so much effort

for so miserable an end-product is invited next time to pay £50 to watch me compose sonnets.

The chief trouble with such a low-scoring sport is that a disproportionate burden is

to differ. We're not singing luck, referees and defences. players from No. 2 to No. 11 of any more. Joyous, uninhibited expressional any country in Europe but people.

ABITUALLY cautious souls such as Javier Clemente, Aimé Jacquet and Don Howe flourish in this atmosphere. The hulk-ing, toothless, misshapen beast that Clemente has made out of the Spanish national team was eventually put down on Saturday, but only with the substantial help of a ment of the world's most pop-ular spectator sport may beg thrown on the workings of may have the most talented

any country in Europe but you could not believe it from the evidence the national team has presented in this

Jacquet played the last 41 minutes of the goalless quarter-final against Holland without a recognised striker. If you find that hard to stomach imagine how Frie Conach, imagine how Eric Can-

OALS, goals, goals, that's what this tournament is all about. Why. I counted 15 of them on

Robert Pryce

awaiting opportunities to counter-attack. But it was a long time before they came any closer to scoring than when Hornak met Poborsky's free kick in the fifth minute with a header over the bar. With an ankle injury

restricting Nemec's move-ments on the left, limiting his service to Smicer, Poborsky's pace on the right became an even more important outlet for the Czechs. Eleven minutes before half-time he raced to the byline from his own half, only to give Kuka an awkward low cross that the

striker could not control. Domingos, Portugal's leading scorer in the qualifiers, replaced Sa Pinto for the and half. But whoever was up front needed more urgent support if Portugal were to get anywhere with any regu-larity. Either that or someone needed to achieve a singular

moment of inspiration. One such moment duly arrived six minutes after halftime but it was provided by the stocky, shaggy-haired figure of Poborsky.

There seemed no way through when he gained possession near the penalty arc

but, after side-stepping a challenge, he found a gap opening up in front of him, spotted Vitor Bala off his line and chipped a gloriously impudent shot over the goalkeeper and into the net. In the Czech defence the authority of Suchoparek, Kadlec and Hornak, always impres-

sive, grew the longer the game lasted. Portugal's chance of salvation came when Latal departed after bringing down Dimas in the 81st minute. With five minutes remaining Folha crossed perfectly to find Cadete unmarked in front of goal. Ca-dete headed wide. Portugal headed home.

Nesded nome.

Czech Republic Kouba: Latal.

Suchoparek, Kadiec, Nemecek (Berger, 90 min), Nemec, Poborsky, Kuka, Bejbi, Hornak, Smitzer (Kubik, 83).

Portugal: Bara: Secretario, Oceano (Folia, 64), Coulo, Loop Pmb, Sa Pinto (Domingos, h-1), Rui Coeta, Dimas.

Heidor, Paulo Solisa, Figo (Cadeta, 83). The Czechs tended to sit Helder, Paulo Sonsa, Figo ICa woodenly in their own half. Referee H Krug (Germany).



Holland's missing man . . . France's Karembeu consoles his Sampdoria team-mate Seedorf Flying the flag . . . Pearce, the epitome of a dogged England display in defence, takes a tumble at Wembley on Saturday

Stage set for re-run of '66 and all that

England 0, Spain 0 (aet; England won 4-2 on penalties)

Seaman again saves the day

David Lacey at Wembley

ley Portugaio

Czech:

The further England progressed in the Euro pean Championship the more likely it became that Germany would lie across their path in the semi-finals. So it

Since winning the World Cup on that sunny, showery Vembley afternoon England have beaten the Germans only twice in 11 meetings, 2–9 a mini-tournament in Mexico City 10 years later, when Franz Beckenbauer's jetlagged players were merely fulfilling their contractual obligations. Either way, this one should be different

For England bad memories of Turin six years ago still rankle. Again they have reached the semi-finals of a major tournament on penalties - those scored by Gary Lineker against Cameroon in Italia 90 and the one saved by David Seaman to beat Spain

on Saturday.

If Venables' players combine the attacking flair they showed against Holland with the defensive resilience that frustrated Spain he may well join Sir Alf Ramsey as only the second man to take Eng-

land to a major final No doubt the next 72 hours will see certain sections of the media resorting to the kind of childlike jingoism which should have gone out with Biggles. Beware of the hun in

the Sun! Yet on Saturday patriotism, for once, was enough. Tier upon tier of it flourished the flag of St George and did much to carry an exhausted England team to a place of respectability in the last four. Has the Red Cross ever considered going into the faith-

Having survived extra-time against a technically superior Spanish side, England won a sheer bloodymindedness, self with too narrow an not draw from Seaman the tense though largely mexcep there was another sort of attacking front. Sergi gave saves Zubizarreta had to but chronically impotent

penalties. Whether they like it or not this England team will for-ever be associated with bars Hong Kong bars, Snickers bars and the crossbar struck by Hierro with Spain's open ing kick of the shoot-out.
In that instant Wembley knew its concerted booing of all things Hispanic had reduced the Spanish cause to

Quixotic gesture. Puerile

though the noises off were, England would have suffered a sinfonia of whistles given a similar situation in Seville when Pearce Diaced III kick beyond Zubizarreta, in stead of hitting the goal-keeper's legs as he had done in the 1990 World Cup semifinal shoot-out with the Germans, the old Forester must have felt the relief of losing a grumbling appendix. Yet the final heroic moment be-

longed, inevitably, to Seaman whose save from Nadal snared Fowler the anest of a further penalty. England's debt to their able Seaman grows and grows. At this rate he must surely end the tournament a rear-admiral. Whatever the manner of its

achievement, England's Vic-tory has guaranteed Venables a place on the national team's modest roll of honour. Reaching the last four of a major tournament is roughly what is required of a host nation. Anything else is a bonus. England have surely gone beyond the point of failure.
Saturday's performance

had little of the sheer exuberance of the 4-1 victory over the Dutch. Spain's superior organisation was responsible for that. These oranges sold themselves less cheaply.

The broad avenues of space so eagerly exploited against Holland had become culs-desac. England spent much of the game in pursuit of the ball; no wonder so many legs gave out after 90 minutes. Call it resilience, guts or



Game keeper . . . Seaman enjoys the cheers after his winning save PHOTOGRAPH: MARK LEECH

concerned the marvellous performances in defence of Adams and Southeate, with Pearce not far behind.

Deprived, through suspension, of Ince's protection in midfield, and given added res-ponsibility when Gary Nev-ille was pushed forward after half-time to curb the advances of Sergi, this trio refused to be cowed by the obvious superiority on the ball

of Amor, Hierro, Caminero, Sergi, Salinas and Alfonso. Yet in one instance England did ride their luck. The replay showed that the goal Salinas scored in the 33rd minute, after a miscue by Hierro had thrown the England defence, should not have been disal-

lowed for offside. By playing Nadal in a back three and withdrawing Man-jarin and Kiko behind Salinas, Javier Clemente left him-self with too narrow an not draw from Seaman the

glory on Saturday. Much of it | Spain width in the first half but once Neville moved forward to meet him, this threat faded. For Neville, however, the victory was nyrrhic. Eager to obey Venables' orders, the right-back caught Sergi from behind two minutes into the second half and a second yellow card will mean he misses the semifinal If Ince returns in front of a back three the problem will

Ince's absence could have cost England the game before half-time, given the regularity with which Platt and Gascoigne were outpassed by Hierro and Amor. Now that England are through, however, Ince's rested legs will be an advantage on Wednesday. On chances created, if not the overall standard of their passing and movement, Eng-land deserved to progress. For all their skill, Spain did

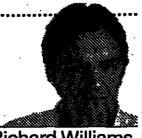
make from Shearer, in the third minute. Adams on the half-hour and Gascoigne early in extra-time, the near-est either side came to winning through sudden death. England's best spell, the opening 30 minutes of the second half, was again the result of McManaman starting to take on opponents with

the ball and beating them for speed. When he tired the attack lost its thrust. An awful lot now depends on McManaman's powers of recovery. England still have a lot of chasing to do. Once more it is due largely to Seaman that the hunt is still on.

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(Manchester Uto), Adams (Arsons); Southgate (A Villa), Pearee (Notin
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Platt (Arsons), Anderton (Totanham)
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rorest, McMassersen (Liverpoot; Liverpoot; 109min), Sancolgne (Ru Platt (Arsent)), Auderton (Total Stone, Notm Forest, 109), Sheet (Tottenham; Burnsby, Middleab 109), Sheeter (Blackburn).

Venables' team walking taller and standing closer



Richard Williams

ITTLE by little, piece by piece, we see the true haracter of Terry Venables' England side emerging as Euro 96 winds towards its climax. Like all of us, it is flawed. But its merits are be

kind of *esprit de corps* that can mitigate the effects of technical and tactical deficiencies. The siege mentality engendered by the media's hostile reaction to the squad's various escapades of the last few weeks has done its job. From Bisham Abbey to Wembley Stadium the players are walking taller, standing closer, more at ease together, secure in the warmth of their leader's approval and belief.

Some of this came into view on Saturday afternoon, during a patchy performance which ended in a fortunate victory over Spain. Principally it was there in the contributions of the two full-backs, men of contrasting style, temperament . and experience.

Stuart Pearce's redemptive contribution to the penalty shoot-out was the afternoon's most obvious moment of personal drama. But the 34-year-old Nottingham Forest captain's defensive work in th final stages of a tense match

final stages of a tense main had already kept his side in with a chance of reaching the semi-final and provided an eloquent respense to critics of his physical approach.

Pearce's celebration of his penalty success may have turned him nectionarily into a Raiph Steadness final pool of a football hooligant muscles bulging, eyes glaring nose reddened, mouth howling. But a few minutes earlies in the dying moments of the

game, he had shown another face, something more private and sympathetic When he tackled Alfonso in the English penalty area, conceding a corner in the process the Spanish forward writhed on the ground. Pearce, clearly

believing his opponent was trying to con the referee into giving a penalty, stood over him, mouthing something that was probably not an invitation to share a Flaming Lamborghini in the players' lounge after the match. Alfonso got up and trotted to the far post, to await the corner. As Pearce passed him they exchanged a few more words.

suddenly broke into smiles and ruffled each other's hair. was in a different image. Ven-ables remarked yesterday that the squad contains several men with the quality of leadership. Pearce is one; the elder Neville is another. At 21 he is already marked out for the captaincy of Manchester United and, quite probably, Glenn Hoddle's England. Pulled hither and thither in the first half by Spain's left wing-back, the splendid Sergi he responded to Venables half-time talk by tightening up on his opposite number. But his effort seemed to have back

fired only two minutes into

the second half when he went

sliding into a tackle, arrived

late and launched Sergi about four feet into the air. The consequent booking, Neville's second of the tourna ment, will keep him out of the semi-final. But his response said everything about his tem-perament. Instead of fretting or sulking and letting his concentration go, he composed himself and ensured that his performance for the remainler of the match was of the highest possible quality. He would not be back on the pitch

on Wednesday night but he in-

tended to do all he could to

ensure 11 other Englishmen would enjoy that privilege.
In many other respects Eng-land's performance bore the marks of a hangover after Tuesday's euphoria. When the players came back to the line on Saturday, and when Spain began moving and passing the ball with the easy confidence that had been beyond the Dutch, England were sud-denly floundering in the identity crisis that has afflicted

ASCOIGNE was back to the poor form of the opening match, a second late and a yard short place in front of the back four ingham not only missed England's best chance but showed none of the strategic nous that, in a performance such as he gave against Holland, excuses his lack of pace. McManaman drifted, Anderton flitted, Shearer waited for scraps Apart from the full-backs, only eaman and the calm Southgate lived up to the nation's new expectations. Venables had beaten Hol-

them in this decade.

land by devising a subtle tacti-cal plan to nullify some of their strengths while maximising his own assets. But faced with a team that he, of all people, should have known well, his players were disconcerted by the smooth power with which the Spaniards broke out of defence, showing the benefit of six years of instruction by Javier Clemente. The four final blows represented a triumph of composure by men whose technique did not fail them in the hour of trial. "To be honest," said Pearce, who for the last six years has been forced to wear his Turin miss as visibly as

one of his tattoos, "I could hear my wife's voice saying, 'Oh no, not you again'." Well,

whatever it takes.

France 0, Holland 0 (aet; France won 5-4 on penalties)

French leave Dutch to draw a lesson

Martin Thorpe

S the French players piled one on top of the other at Anfield to celebrate a place in the semi-finals, the Dutch camp could only console themselves with the thought that this cruel exit might be the making of their troubled young team.

Penalties are an unsatisfactory way to decide anything significant, but from that in stant heroes and villains de vice came a result on Saturday which shows that life can be much harder when team spirit and tactical organisa-

tion are so badly disrupted.
Unlike the Dutch, the French got it right. Prior to Euro 96 their defender Marcel Desailly said of the coach Aime Jacquet's influence: Before, we were a collection of highly talented individuals. Now we are a collective unit, each player knowing his

responsibilities." This was the main reason that the Camona and Chica | Date it was the parative viniting to be spirits were controver of Saturday's defeat who most | sition the ball on the spot and | are simply too heavily

though the mouth-watering thought of Mon Génius playing in this team has been given added spice now that a knee injury has ended the striker Dugarry's Euro 96.

But Jacquet dislikes "players of mood" and events have supported his judgment. France may have sparkled only in patches but their work-rate and communal understanding built on a solid defence have justified predictions that they would be one of the teams to watch.

What a contrast with Holland, supposedly the European kings of organised foot-ball. Instead they have dressing-room infighting, a young squad prey to political intrigue, a traditionally reliable team pattern disrupted by the injury of a key creative launch-pad in Frank de Boer, with his inventive side-kick Danny Blind suspended for

the first game. Holland's tone was set from that early draw with Scotland but it was the putative villain obliged by the referee to repo-

stally emitted from the squad, | vividly highlighted the con- | then hit his shot too close to | manned these days to be the barrack-room lawyer at the centre of those in-camp rows over favouritism and worse, and his game has suffered.

Taken off in the first half against Switzerland to save him from being sent off, Seedorf did not start on Saturday despite threats from his father-cum-agent that, if that ever happened, his boy would be on the first plane home.

Then, having eventually landed as a substitute for the injured Bergkamp, he saw an 83rd-minute cross handled by Desailly in the area only for the referee to give a free kick on the edge.

Then, two minutes from the trials of Golden Goal extratime, Mulder sent him clear on goal inside the area but, instead of chipping the advancing Lama, he hit the ball against the goalkeeper's legs. Worse, taking his turn in the shoot-out at 3-3, he was

trast with France Clarence Seedorf is a player of mood, the barrack-room lawyer at His friend Edgar Davids, sent home last week for criticising the coach, also missed a penalty in the European Cup final shoot-out lost by Ajax in May. Davids is 23, Seedorf 21 and both are young millionaires used from childhood to being lauded and applauded. The hope in the Dutch camp now is that Euro

96 will be the making of them, adding responsibility to their undoubted talent. For this young squad, too, it is hoped that elimination from the tournament will provide invaluable experience.

As for Saturday's game, it revealed that, though organisation might be the coaches' preference, it does little to provide excitement. Despite the lovely close control and clever movement from both sides, goalmouth action was direly lacking until the helterskelter of the later stages. Defences, reinforced by

back-pedallers from midfield.

breached even by two strikers. With France having con-ceded only 18 goals in their 27-match unbeaten run. Hol-land did well to get as close as they did. Apart from the chances already mentioned, Ronald de Boer should have scored with a header after 22 minutes and later Cocu's freekick was deflected on to the outside of a French post. As for France, Djorkaeff

headed wide from near the penalty spot and then was denied by a great block by Van der Sar, but otherwise Jac-quet's team struggled to worry the goalkeeper. With Dugarry out and Kar-

embeu, on two yellow cards, missing the next match, their attacking options are further limited. But at least they are still in the tournament and Holland would settle for that. Presses Lams; Thuram, Biane, Desaitly, Lizarazu, Karembeu, Daschamps, Zidans, Gulerin, Djorksatt, Loko (Dugarry, 62min; Pedros, 80.)
Hiolisadt Van der Sar; Reiziger, Blind, Da

Mistakes cost inconsolable Seedorf dear against Lama

Michael Walker

BERNARD LAMA had his priorities right While the whole of England was out getting Sheringhamed on David aman's penalty save, Lama was making decisive interceptions at Anfield.
Yet Lama emphasised a

stop he had made earlier. "The most important save," said Lama, "was the first one made from Seedorf," one that came after 88 minutes. Seederf did not know it then but the agony was just

beginning. After the penalties he was inconsolable as a few team-mates hugged him They were all black, bringing the stories of racial division within the Dutch camp into sharp focus.

Seedorf thanked the French players Lama and Karembeu. his friend at Sampdoria, for their sympathy. "I was happy they said sorry," he said. "I could hear them but I could not see them because of the tears in my eves."



After England's superb 4-1 victory over Holland, they may well be one of the teams battling it out at the Wembley final on June 30. Whether they get there or not, the match

promises to be some spectacle - and all the better for being in the crowd to watch it. Fuilfilm - sponsors of Euro 96 and many World Cups - are offering Guardian readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the Euro 96 final. If you are the lucky winner, don't forget to take your camera loaded, naturally. with Fujicolour film to capture all the best

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Tear out . . . Jana Novotna is comforted by the Duchess of Kent after throwing away the 1993 singles final. The Czech had served for a 5-2 third-set lead, only to let Steff. Graf back in for an eventual 7-6, 1-6, 6-4 victory Photograph Pala.

Champions defend against adversity |Come in No. 1,

Stephen Bierley gives his guide to Wimbledon: With Sampras vulnerable, can Agassi kindle his past magic?

ETER SAMPRAS walked through the gates of Wimbledon again last week and felt the past rush through his body like a fever. Here, clear and unmistakable, were the Beach Boys' good, good, good,

good vibrations.
"I thought 'this is it'." The player who learned on the hard courts of California tin-gled with the memories of his

besten in the Australian shown his vulnerable human Open by the 19-year-old local i hero Mark Philippoussis and bled standstill by Yevgeny sevic, is also in Sampras's Kafelnikov in the semi-finals side of the draw. Second of the French Open.

been the illness and subse-quent death of his coach, mentor and friend Tim Gullikson. Sampras played at Roland Garros on a surging | cerer. Andre Agassi may

tide of emotion. asked him what to do to win to finish; he may also disapin Paris. He said: 'Win the last point. I did my best." the first week.

Exhausted, the 24-year-old "He's had a bit of a tough Exhausted, the 24-year-old flew home to Florida and

watching him wend his lone way from Wimbledon's Centre Court complex out past the vast concrete skeleton of the new No. 1 court and on towards the Aorangi Park practice courts, one sensed out? There were further dis-

playing about his shoulders. Sampras may not encounter the searing heat of Paris in SW19 but whether he can cope psychologically with the tournament so soon is open to

question. The first week may be crucial. In Paris Sampras had an and the Wimbledon draw has given him no respite. He begins at just after 2pm on Centre Court today against his fellow American Richey Reneberg and is then likely to

meet Philippoussis. If this was not bad enough, also lurking on the Ameri-can's side of the draw is Germany's Michael Stich, the wonderful — and to be still wimbledon champion in 1991 going at the start of the many's Michael Stich, the and recent runner-up to Ka-felnikov in the French Open.

the amoust insect he had air the surgery this year and in the preceding Italian Open was clearly not fit. However his late decision to play in Paris did him a power of good. "Michael is obviously a great threat," said Sampras. "He is one of the top five or six grass-court players in the world."

Another German, Boris Becker, is seeded No. 2 after losing to Sampras in the final last year. He has won the title as many times but has lost his last three final appearances. It is 11 years since the 17-year-old Becker, armed with a crashing serve, won his first Wimbledon against Kevin Curren. A family man now, Becker believes he is enjoying

his tennis more than ever.
"The crowd wanted Boris to three successive men's singles win last year and I understitles on Centre Court grass.

It has not been the best of years for Sampras. He remains at the top of the world rankings but was have to in the Australian.

side this year. Of the other challengers the most dangerous, Goran Ivaniguessing the Croatian is akin Overriding everything has to predicting the English weather. The talent is there: the power is there; the brain

is prone to go AWOL. And so to the great sor-Wimbledon's grass from start

pear like a puff of smoke in road. I think losing the US

final to me last year took a lot Listening to him talk and out of him," Sampras conjectured. "He's got as much talent as anybody in the game and Wimbledon brings the best out of everybody."

appointing signs in Paris, where he lost early to the little-known American Chris Woodruff, that Agassi's lust for glory has sharply dimin-ished. He was overweight and under-prepared. Perhaps he will be rejuvenated here. The tournament certainly needs his glorious unorthodoxy.

Of the Britons Greg Rusedski, as usual, will be seaski, as usuai, will be smiles ahead and may reach the fourth round before the polite apologies. Tim Henman, Britain's No. I, will do extraordinarily well to get past kafelnikov the Mas past Kafelnikov, the No.5 seed, in the opening round.

Finally there is Stefan Edberg. Just one, perhaps two, memorable matches would be

chemistry for a grand finale but will their bodies stand up

week of the French Open. Roland Garros shimmered under bleached-blue skies and a multitude of Parisians settled down for the serious business of the day. Beaujolais corks popped; foie gras

to the fortnight?

was forked. In a rather Spartan air conditioned room beneath the newly christened Suzanne Lenglen court Steffi Graf, sustained only by a bottle of mineral water, talked of Wimble-don and renewing her rivalry

with Monica Seles They have met only twice on grass. Graf annihilated the adopted American 6-0. 6-1 in collective awareness that es. This time Novotna closed the fourth round in 1989 when Seles was 15: their other Wimbledon meeting was the 1992 final, Graf again winning

comprehensively 6-2, 6-1. "I could not have played a not really get into it at all. She didn't return or serve well." In all they have played 11 times, nine in finals; Graf holds a 7-4 lead. "Any time I play against her we have great matches," said Graf.

The chemistry is right." This, as the Wimbledon en counters demonstrate, is not strictly true but their most recent meeting, the 1995 US Onen final was a fluctuating classic. Graf winning 7-6, 0-6,

6-3. A repeat performance by the world's top two a week on Saturday would be ideal. It is by no means certain. Graf tweaked her knee last week and missed Eastbourne. The problem is not thought to be serious, though. So, if the German recaptures the fluid ity of her recent French Open victory, a seventh Wimbledon title is a distinct probability. Seles's shoulder injury is

The tear is deep-rooted and needs surgery but Seles is hoping to postpone an opera-tion until later this year. two weeks is asking a lot. She could not manage it in Paris losing to Jana Novotna in the quarter-finals. Moreover she admitted to being "scared" on the big points. Nobody had heard her talk this way be-

fore. She will, however, have been encouraged by her victory at Eastbourne.
The fact that the Wimbledon seeding committee stuck with the ranking-list high-lights the predictability of the

The 27-year-old Stich played some intelligent tennis at Roland Garros, a tournament he almost missed. He had an have all the

Novotna . . . no killer instinct

15-40 against Seles? "Nothing. Nothing at all. I was

felt really confident. I bad

the feeling inside that I was

For all her mental frail-

ties, and Novotna admits she has often struggled to finish off opponents,

women's termis badly needs

more players with her rich and varied skills, more play-

ers who are prepared to take a risk and not hide behind

No sane gambler would

put money on Novotna to

but she is probably the only

player other than Graf.

Seles and the two Spaniards, Conchita Martinez and Arantxa Sanchez Vi-

cario, who has the remotest

Novotna. who will be 28

baseline mediocrity.

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going to win."

THERE was a cartoon in Mad magazine where the hero, a swordsman dressed in pristine white. fought through frame after frame killing all the vil-lains that stood in his way. Finally he met the black-cloaked villain. "En garde!" cried our bold hero — and was instantly stabbed through the heart. Life is not fair or equitable. Nei-ther is sport. Those we do not want to win frequently do. And, more agonisingly, those we desperately want to succeed let us down.

A few weeks ago at Roland Garros Jana Novotna, leading 7-6, 5-3, served for a quarter-final victory over Monica Seles, the world's joint No. 1. Sud-denly Novotna was 15-40 and a silence of such intenjust focusing on my strokes sity fell that a butterfly un-folding its wings would and hitting the ball prop-erly. That was it." It is hard have made everyone jump. Here, embodied by the repressed stillness, was a to believe but then she is understandably sick of talking about her failur-

talented players on the women's circuit, was congenitally prone to letting the most promising of posi-tions splinter and crack

like ice under her feet Most famously of all, she had served for a 5-2 thirdset lead in the 1993 Wimbledon final against Steffi Graf, only to let Graf back for a 7-6, 1-6, 6-4 victory. The loser from the Czech Republic went tears of anguish on the Duchess of Kent's shoulder, one of the most vivid and touching moments in the long his-

tory of Centre Court. In 1995 the French witessed their own shocking failure of Novotna nerves when the US teenager Chanda Rubin came back to win from a third-set deficit

this October, should, given So what was Novotna her multitude of talents, foot on the thr thinking as she served at have won a Grand Slam cannot be taught. the 1995 final was, the thought 1 ing like the same Grand Slam

of another Graf v Arantxa Sanchez Vicario meeting hardly sets the blood racing. Since the beginning of 1992 Sanchez Vicario has failed on only five occasions to reach the semi-finals of the four Grand Slam tournaments. Three of these early exits have been at Wimbledon,

where the speed of the grass and the low bounce can negate ber best efforts. In 1994, having lost the Australian Open final to Graf, she followed up with the French and US titles to add to her French Open win in 1989. But since then she has lost four Grand Slam finals, three to with the ranking-list high-lights the predictability of the women's game and, good as chita Martinez has had noth-in Paris. She might well have

success; though she is the more gifted player she is prone to self-destruction. She also has semi-final block and is drawn to meet Graf there. Nevertheless she won Wimbledon in 1994, albeit against a 37-

year-old Martina Navratilova. Novotna is one of the few volleyers left in the women's Graf in the guarter-finals and her it is difficult to see anybody outside the top four seeds blowing up a a storm. But hopes spring eternal. Per-haps Pierce will address her tennis instead of her dress. "I don't think it's suitable

said the same of her play. Graf's personal problems are well documented; she keeps her emotions tightly suppressed but the jailing of her father for alleged tax eva-sion is an immense and lingering hurt. Many would have

title by now, although there

is enough evidence against her to suggest she may

never manage to.

"Everybody has a label and it's very difficult to change it," she said, referring to her habit of blowing crucial matches when ahead. "You can't really do anything about it but to

anything about it but, to tell the truth, I don't really

Novotna, born in Brno, did not have an instant and

early desire to play tennis

There is some early black-and-white footage of Steffi

Graf, not yet 10, playing tennis with her father; No-votna's family were not tennis oriented and her

junior career was largely unremarkable.

She entered the profes-

sional circuit at 18, eventu-

ally teaming up with Hana Maudlikova. By the end of

1986 she was ranked 172nd

but then climbed steadily towards the top 10.

whether this comparative

lack of success is as frus-

trating for her as it is pa-

tently to her many fans.

An abiding image of No-votna is a clenched right

fist thumping the air with a short-arm jab as she wills

herself towards success.

But she has never pos-

sessed the natural killer in-

stincts of a champion: the

foot on the throat. That

satisfaction."

Novotna possess

think about it."

cracked under such pressure. "I just simply have no time for hobbies," Graf replied in Paris when asked how she managed to wind down. "I have to spend so much time sitting down with lawyers and tax people. That's why I love to come to tournaments to get away from all that."
With her athleticism and

powerful foreband Graf remains a constant delight. Getting away from it all may well mean a 20th Grand Slam

ing the match to a third set | and I was so cold out there I | up today. I was always a step evaporated when Siemerink. just wanted to keep moving." | up today. I was always a step too slow. She just didn't give serving superbly, swept up | she explained. | up today. I was always a step too slow. She just didn't give me any opportunity to get

once in 16 previous meetings with Seles.
The only worry for Seles is the torn shoulder muscle which causes her constant pain and may require surgery after the US Open in August. But Seles gave no hint of being hampered as she began by conceding only two points of the first 22 taking the first of the first 22, taking the first set in 18 minutes. No sooner had Fernandez gained some consolation by breaking in

than Seles hit back to level. Two mighty two-fisted cross-court backhands finally put Fernandez out of her misthe margin of her defeat on a ery and brought Seles her 4:-hour playing schedule the 36th career singles title — and

the world's fastest grass



Frank Keating

HIS is the last Wimble-don for the evocative and singular No. 1 Court. Architectural change is some-times imperceptible, other times terminally dramatic. It will be the latter when the bulldozers grind in to ransack the Centre Court's democratic and friendly old semi-detached neighbour as soon as the last doubles finals are over on July 7. By next June a graveyard, it has still hosped swishly grand and modern no end of upsets, near-upsets.

shots: fluid ground strokes, "Even before the match I wicked volleys and a mennew stadium court will begin acing serve. She is a player business higher up the hill on ideally suited to Wimble-don's slick courts, yet only twice in 10 visits has she the championship grounds. So farewell, then, No. 1 though never exactly Numero got beyond the quarter-finals. uno - RIP, aged 72, forever fondly remembered. It is difficult to know

The ghosts of No. 1 may, of course, gambol and romp for gilded midsummer sunset has dropped below the line of its steep-raked mountainous than vice-versa.

western terrace where the It is also a hometown pad-Novotna often says that the most important thing is that the public enjoy what she is doing: "You can't only do it for your own screech hurrahs.

shaded, rectangular little microwave-oven whose boxed-in, undrying surface would cause nightmares for devoted groundsmen and cursing, departing seeds.

It was all encapsulated by that grand old All England head groundsman of a few decades back. Jack Yardley, who would refer to his various courts as he, she and it: "it" was always the contrary No. 2; the opulent, regal glory of Centre Court was, of

course, adoringly "she"; and No. I was "be". And a masculine Colosseum it is — boldly wide-shouldered, zipping with pace and offering the freedom to live dangerously and trust to reflexes. Because of its spacious openness to the sun-shine and prevailing winds, No. I is the fastest serious grass court in the world.

If No. 1 is indeed male, it is, structurally, downright English-eccentric male with knobs on: it looks as if it was built as an afterthought, and it was. One side is that seemingly sheer Matterborn bank, the other just a shallow row of seats beneath the walkway clutter and bustle which encircles its rock project. circles its posh neighbour.

No. 1 is all iron girders and No. 1 is an iron girtiers and splintery woodwork, everything painted a peeling cabbageygreen, like old Twickenham used to be: peel-

Twickennam used to be: peeling but appealing.

The dear departed Twickenham was built in 1910 and No. 1 Court is 14 years younger. It had been the tealawns and was opened, a year after No. 2 Court, in 1924, the same summer that a size in 1924. same summer that a simple form of seeding was tried and Centre Court competitors were first ordered by the com-mittee to bow to Queen Mary in the Royal Box.

The People's Palace of No. I was never to have a Royal Box but it had two pressboxes, one in the dark rafters high behind the southern service-line and the other low down in the very front row. There one so close to the action that one could lean forward and place a drawing-pin

That front press bench: is my favourite place. I was first there 33 summers ago, when the big German Bungert beat Emerson, the quicksliver Australian top seed. I was working then for ITV, which had a forlorn stab at match-ing BBC coverage for a year or two, and was accompanied by one camera and a nice. mincingly camp floor-man-ager seconded from the drama department, whose fob was to relay scores back to our control but on a primitive

The players did not seem to mind his noise but, when he persisted in calling every pire halted play and patiently

explained tennis scoring. On No.1 many have suf-fered much more embarrass ment. If not the original turn-arounds, turmoils and unlikely triumphs. And the nobs on Centre Court have heard all about them, carried on the sou westerlies to assail the main show-court like a

tide battering a sea-wall.

I warrant that many more times have exasperated Cen-tre Court players stood off and waited for the next-door din to die down from No. 1

western terrace where the schoolgirls picnic parties dock. British knees come over would gather to munch and all trembly next door but No. 1's welcoming inelegance Ghosts, sure, but No. 1 was is more homely. Roger Taylor not strictly The Graveyard, displayed some of his dough which remains No. 2 Court tiest grit on No. 1. It was the across the concourse, that unsame with Jeremy Bates. Andrew Castle, ranked 250-something, made himself famous for life when he took the second-seeded Mats Wilander into the fifth set a few years back, even if he did lose it 6-0.

John Lloyd, in 1977's cerite nary year. his annus almostmirabilis and the year he met Chrissie E. beat the man to whose name every journalist just had to add "from Lookout Mountain. Tennessee", one Roscoe Tanner.

In the next round Lloyd was two sets up against an un-known but blew it. They should have let him stay on No. 1 all fortnight.

But now the court where Nastase clowned and McEnroe raged is on "his" deathbed. One summer evening a hundred years from now. someone may stand where No.1 used to be and bear in the breeze the ghosts of Wimbledons Past. And they will wonder what sort of a place is was where people said: "Why can't I call myself a disgrace

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Siemerink finds the right gear

David Irvine

AN SIEMERINK became the third Dutch player to win an ATP Tour event on grass in the Nineties when he defeated Sandon Stolle 6-3. 7-6 in the final of the Notting ham Open yesterday. In 1992 Jacco Eltingh won

the Manchester tournament while Richard Krajicek claimed the Rosmalen crown in 1994, "Our games are geared to grass," Siemerink said. Yet none of the three has progressed beyond the quar-ter-finals at Wimbledon. Had Stolle won — and he serve only once in the match - tennis would have had its first father-and-son

tour winners of the open era

Fred Stolle, then 35, was win-ner of the Christchurch event

serving superbly, swept up the fiebreak 7-0.

The unseeded British pair Mark Petchey and Danny Sapsford, who had beaten the top seeds earlier in the week, shared prize-money of £13,600 when they overcame Neil Broad and Piet Norval 6-7, -6, 6-4 in the doubles final. Monica Seles helped to justify her second seeding at Wimbledon with a straight-sets demolition of Mary Joe Fernandez in the final of the Eastbourne Championships

on Saturday. Seles, who crushed Fernan-dez 6-0, 6-2 in only 45 minutes to capture the first grasscourt title of her career, said she was helped by the unseasonably cool, cloudy South Coast weather. "I noticed in 1973. Stolle's hopes of push- Mary Joe had goose bumps day before. "She washed me her first on grass.

Seles warmed up for her first Wimbledon in four years with a devastating display of haseline power hitting and ac-curacy which left her deflated opponent scoffing at sugges-tions that Seles will be a flop.

Natalie Tauziat, whom Seles beat in the quarter-final, had described Seles as unfit. But Fernandez said: "I like Monica's Wimbledon chances. She has a great leftie serve on the grass and I think she can handle anybody there. Perhaps Steffi has the best chance to beat her but Monica hits the ball as hard and with as much penetration

as anyone." Fernandez refused to blame

me any opportunity to get into the match," admitted Fernandez, who had won only

the first game of the second

on the netcord judge's chair.

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Pistol-grip . . . Sampras looking for a fourth title running

Men

. Pete Sampras (US). Age 24. Career prize money: £14.5m

Reigning champion with three successive Wimbledon titles. Much affected by death of coach Tim Gullikson. Emotionally and physically drained after losing semi-final of French Open to Kafelnikov. Now mentally refreshed and ready to serve up another win.

2. Boris Becker (Ger). Age 28. Career prize money: £18m.

Senior tennis citizen whose appetite for a grass pass remains undaunted. Australian Open win in January was first Grand Slam victory since 1991. Has reached Wim-bledon semi-final or beyond in seven of past eight years.

3. Andre Agassi (US). Age 26. Career prize money: £7.5m.

One appearance in final (1992); one win. Early defeat at Roland Garros led to further speculation about his will to rise from a dollar-filled bed. Thoroughly charismatic player; frequently exasperating Defies predictions and good taste.

4. Goran Ivanisevic (Cro). Age 24. Career prize

money: £7.8m. Ace-hitter supreme but never king of a Grand Slam. Twice runner-up at Wimbledon (1992 and 1994). Could be his year but suspect temperament regularly leads to de-struction of rackets and self. Low-key build-up. Softly, softly, catchee title? Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Rus). Age 22. Career prize money: £2m.

French title earlier this month doubles player too, so you will see plenty of him. Has played only twice at Wimbledon,

6. Michael Chang (US). Age 24. Career prize money: £7.8m

Small man, long racket handle. Mediocre Wimbledon record, best being quarter-final (1994). Practises against Great Wall of China (see Reebok ad). Will attempt to retrieve any ball. Double-fist-ed levitational returns a speciality.

Age 25. Career prize money: £7.7m.

From 1991 to 1993 apeared in seven Grand Slam tourna-ment finals, winning four. Blue-collar worker in white-collar world. Beaten Wimble-don finalist in 1993; has failed to get past second round since. A heavy-metal hitter seemingly unplugged.

Age 22. Career prize money: £1.4m.



 Steffi Graf (Ger). Age 27. Career prize money: £12.1m.

Reigning champion and six times Wimbledon winner. Father in jail on tax fraud charge; most of her opponents under lock and key. Won the French title this month. Missed Eastbourne with knee injury. If fit should win.

2. Monica Seles (US). Age 22. Career prize

money: £5.5m. Lost 1992 final to Graf. Has not appeared at Wimbledon ecause of stabbing in cident. Won Australian Öpen this year but lost to Novotna in quarter-finals of French Open. Troubled by shoulder injury. Yet to win title and may have to wait another

8. Conchita Martinez (Sp). Age 24. Career prize

money: £3.8m. Wimbledon (1994) remains her one, and rather unlikely. Grand Slam tournament tri umph Reached the semi-fin-als at Roland Garros this month before going out tamely to Graf. A gifted stroke-maker but more of a

Spanish bull than a fly. 4. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. (Sp). Age 24. Career prize

money: £6.4m. A scuffler supreme, losing a wonderful final against Graf last year. Unlucky not to be seeded No. 2. Much criticised for her defensive tactics and Sierra Nevada returns but terribly difficult to beat (and

5. Anke Huber (Ger). Age 21. Career prize money: £1.5m.

Reached her first Grand Slam final in January, losing to Seles in Melbourne. Lives in the shadow of Graf, much as Stich has been eclipsed by Becker. Has never reached quarter-finals at Wimbledon.

6.Jana Novotna (Cz). Age 27. Career prize money: £3.7m.

As an athlete second only to Graf among top players but renowned for gagging when in the lead, notably the 1993 final against Graf. Beat Seles at Roland Garros recently. Favourite group: Tears for

7.Chanda Rubin (US). Age 20. Career prize money: £500,000.

Saved nine match points to beat Novotna (who else?) in third round of 1995 French Open. Still awaiting the Grand Slam breakthrough. Best Wimbledon: third round last year. Suffering from tennis wrist and over-long

8. Lindsay Davenport (US). Age 20. Career prize money: £1.1m.

Talent not keeping pace with her weight. Reached quarter-final in 1994 but not fulfilling her early big-hitting promise Injury prone. Might have trouble turning on a runway, never mind a dime.

Stephen Bierley

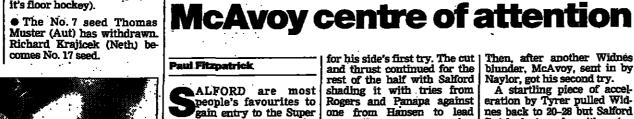
may be the first of many. Top reaching the quarter-finals last year. Much wined and dined by Boris Yeltsin but shows no ill effects.

8. Jim Courier (US).

9. Thomas Enqvist (Swe).

Marginally better known than Magnus Larsson but not a Swede (unlike Stefan Ed-berg) to thrill the blood. Lots of money, limited Grand Prix success and none at Wimble don. Enjoys innebandy (No. it's floor hockey).

• The No. 7 seed Thomas



First Division: Widnes 20, Salford Reds 32

style took 228 Test wickets for Australia, exactly half

of them against England, has died in Brisbane; he

Rugby League

League next season, not by "fast-tracking" but by winning their division. 16-14. There was no arguing about the second period, however, and Salford settled the They took another significontest with two tries in three cant stride with this victory at Naughton Park, not one of Lee got the first after Widnes, with head and feed, were shoved off balance at a scrum their most accommodating grounds. They had won only and Savelio picked up the

games here since 1980. It was a patchy performance with an abnormally fair reflection of the handling errors that littered the afternoon. The bulk of them were committed by Widnes but Sal-ford were far from blameless and a side will not survive at

one of 12 league and cup

the highest level with an error count as high as this. Still, there was plenty to admire. Salford possess some outstanding individuals, none more impressive than the stand-off Steve Blakeley or the centre Nathan McAvoy, who

scored two valuable tries. Widnes got off to the worst possible start. Mark Preston, their potential match-winner, was concussed in Salford's first attack and taken to hospital as a precautionary measure. But things improved and after McAvoy had opened Salford's account they led 8-6 before Broadbent neatly side-

David Davies in Killarney

loose hall to send him in. Workington's season goes from bad to worse against Broncos

Lindwall remembered — 'the complete fast bowler' and one of the Musketeers with Miller and Compton

Pay Lindwall, whose was yesterday described as finent and business-like "the complete fast bowler" by Trevor Bailey who swums the new ball more to start his away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bowncer was presented to start his away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His away swinger on the leg stump and, despite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His away swinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the property of the stump and the leg stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the property of the stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which ended my own Test career. His bouncer was supplied to stump and the spite his arm action, developed a deadly inswinger which action and the spite his arm action and the spite his arm action and the spite his arm

by Trevor Bailey, who swung the new ball more

played for England against him in the post-war era. "He not only possessed

WORKINGTON's sad sea-son propping up the Super League was well en-capsulated yesterday when their lowest crowd of the season (1,400) saw them fade badly to lose 34-6 to a London Broncos team that had Gavin Allen sent off after only 15 minutes, writes Chris Curtain. Town fielded eight play-ers who had started the sea-

son in the Alliance, and they did well to keep the fifth-placed Broncos out until the 34th minute.

But once Ray Allen younger back-row brother of the dismissed prop Gavin — scored the first of his two stepped the Salford defence tries, the Broncos struck the game drew only 6,242.

finished strongly with a try

from Hampson.

Town hit back after the break when Lee Chilton strode through to score on 56 minutes after a pass from Wayne Kitchin, whose goal made it 10-6, but the Broncos then took charge. The previous night's

Yorkshire derby saw Leeds come from 12-0 down to beat Castleford 25-18. Their coach Dean Bell pro-nounced himself "as happy as Terry Venables" about his strugglers' "fighting spirit" but Leeds' bankers will see the gloomy side:

Rugby Union

my cost when he broke my

Cobner bangs the drum for 'intensity'

thumb in Sydney. But it started together for Austrawas essentially a shock, not lia in 1946 with the tour to

David Plummer

Fluent and business-like . . . Ray Lindwall, a formidable force in the Australian attack, was no mean batsman either. He completed the double of 100 wickets and 1,000 runs in his 38th Test

than any other fast bowler I thumb in Sydney. But it have seen, or faced," said Bailey. "He had the ability a stock, ball. Runs were al-

USTRALIA have scored A 230 points against Wales in their last five meetings, so Saturday's win at the Sydney Football Stadium was a relative failure for them.

Wales kept their line intact for 37 minutes and looked like turning round only 6-3 down even though they had not mounted one attack. Then Neil Jenkins missed touch. Matthew Burke caught his own kick ahead and Owen Finegan dived over for a try

to start the rout. The Wallabies added five more tries in the second half with Wales contributing only

the odd counter-attack. It was a one-sided affair and the home side would surely have passed 50 points against Wales for the third time this decade had they not been so badly disrupted by injuries. The Wallabies lost both their hookers and may struggle up front on Saturday against

Canada in Brisbane. Wales return home tomorrow well aware that their half-time lecture to kick-start hopes of reaching the 1999 their running game.

World Cup final are fanciful. "We could not cope with the power and pace of the Austra-lians," said the WRU rugby director Terry Cobner, picking up a now well-worn Welsh theme. "The main reason for that is because our domestic game is not geared to the in-tensity of the Super 12.

survival extremely diffi-

Keith Miller, who with Lindwall formed in a formi-

dable bowling partnership, added: "I couldn't believe it when I was told. Ray and I

New Zealand which was the

cult. He was very special."

"We are not developing players properly for international rugby and the choice open to us is either to change or to sink. It's that simple." What is most disconcerting is that in the last 10 years they have produced precious applied their enormous few players of international quality. Only the scrum-half

Howley and the back-row for-ward Williams have looked the part on this tour. Otherwise Wales are mediocre, relying on organisation and detail rather than their once famous instinctive flair.

There is nothing natural about their game now. But the home coach Greg Smith also has work to do. for the Wallabies' line-out was poor, the ball-carrier was too often isolated and it took a

Scotland have no answer to New Zealand scrummaging

side to England.

friendly way."

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"We roomed together,

played golf together and

drank together and, with Denis Compton, were like

the Three Musketeers, playing cricket in a

THE All Blacks gave Scotland a lesson in scrumnaging power as they won the second Test 36-12 in miserably wet conditions in Auckland on Saturday.

New Zealand out-scrum-maged the Scots to the extent that four of the New Zealand scores resulted directly from scrums.

Scotland's front row, in which Barry Stewart was making his Test debut, was subjected mercilessly to tactics verging on the dangerous as Dowd and Brown strength either to lift or down force

An early penalty try and then touchdowns by No. 8 Brooke and flankers Kronfeld and Jones. all from scrums close to the Scotland line, were testa-ment to the power of the New Zealand forwards.

In Buenos Aires France beat Argentina 34-27 on Saturday, in the first of two Tests, but only a late rally from the Pumas prevented a rout. France had led 22-0 at half-time.

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Today's order of play

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her final singles, particularly as the match was already won, but her contribution UDY BELL, the first over the last 10 years or so woman president of the United States Golf has been immense. Association, was driving the buggy; her passenger on Kil-

In direct contrast over the weekend was the display of Stirling's Alison Rose who. larney's Killeen course was Martha Lang, the crest-fallen captain of America's Curtis most appropriately, was sere-naded off the course by a coachload of supporters from Inverness, who broke into Flower of Scotland as she Cup team.
"Well," said Bell, "we can go over here, or over there, or

in cup triumph

holed the winning putt. By beating Ellen Port, one maybe back there..." as she sought to find a spot that was not too calamitous to the of America's better players, 6 and 5 she completed four points out of four and became American cause. But by the afternoon of the second day only the second Great Britain and Ireland player to accomthere were precious few plish that feat - Trish John places left to go. son in 1986 being the other. Great Britain and Ireland, for the fourth time in the last Another Scot, Janice Moodie six meetings, were beating the United States of America, was next best in the scoring tables, with 3½. While Rose says she will stay amateur, Moodie is booked for the pro-

fessional ranks.

It may be that the Fates were held the Curtis Cup for only with the home team; the USGA two of the last 11 years. This year it was won with president has an extraordinary out any on-course belp at all record in matches against these islands. It began in the Curtis Cup when Bell played in an 8-1 win in Colorado from Julie Hall, thought to be their best player, who fin-ished with no points out of Springs in 1962 — "and I was the 1," she said — and continfour. Although only 29, she now retires and this week ued when captaining losing teams in 1986 and 1988. She will be running the British Ladies championship at Hoywas also chairman of selectors lake, as tournament director of the Walker Cup team that for the Ladies Golf Union, in-

stead of defending the title. There was hardly a person her to beat Christie Kerr in | who could blame her?

this time by 1114 points to 614.

And, as a fifth match was tied.

that means America have

No complaints Rose bouquets a pay cut for

completed. His scores of 65 and 67 gave

him a one-stroke win over the Australian Richard Green with Russell Claydon and the Irish rookie professionals Padraig Harrington and David Higgins sharing third place at

ible yesterday and on Saturday. Farry and the remainder of the top 10 had struck their final shots on Friday.

reduced by 25 per cent to 287,495 but the 36-year-old Parisian had no complaints. "I have won and it is a dream come true," he said, "especially as I thought of quitting two years ago after seven years of struggle and suffer-ing back problems." Farry, who is the eighth

lost at Royal Porthcawl last year. "Tm about sick of it." she in Killarney who did not want | said with a typical smile . And

as Farry takes part-time win

Michael Britten in Munich

MARC FARRY of France was presented with a cut-price first European Tour vic-tory yesterday after two days of Bavarian rainstorms forced the BMW Open to be abandoned with only 36 holes

10 under par.
Only 10 players completed their third rounds in the four hours 38 minutes of play poss-

Farry's winnings were

new champion on the 1996 circuit, was 133rd in the rankings at the start of the week. Green, from the Huntingdale club in Melbourne, is in Europe for the first time. A cheque for over £58,000 could

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Wembley cries 'God for Terry, England and St George'



Matthew Engel

shirts on sale round Wembley on Saturday Some proclaimed "We'll fight them on the beaches". Others said "Buildog Breed" and "V-E Day". Now England have got to play Germany again, and in the next 60 or so hours it is going to get worse. It is time to impose a self-denying ordinance. No more analogies involving any combination of the second world war. John Major's European policy, and football. It has been ludicrously overdone: if the Government has not made Britain look stupid all round the Continent this past week, then the puerile ravings of the Daily Mirror certainly have.

This ordinance takes effect at the beginning of the fourth paragraph. In the meantime, before dropping the metaphor forever, let us say that Saturday's game was emphatically not V-E Day. It was not even D-Day. It did bear some resemblance to Dunkirk: a retreat that turned into a sort-of suc-

cess that can be dressed up as a triumph — thanks to a combination of about three parts phe nomenal luck, one part cool practicality and a dash of monkey business thrown in. In other words, it was a John Ma-

jorish sort of victory.
As a football match England v Spain was not brilliant. There were a lot of errors on both sides and the greatest heights of skill were reached in the art of robust defence. Had it been Grimsby v Port Vale in Februfound it rather ordinary; what they used to call in the Football Pink "end-to-end stuff"

But the match cannot be separated from the atmosphere. Apart from anything else, with out the various advantages of being at home, England would almost certainly have lost. It was not Grimsby v Port Vale. It was a sensational occasion. It was also an almost wholly

sant and enjoyable one. The crowds' inability to sing Abide With Me on Cup Final Day is sometimes put down to

on Saturday. The noise was incredible. And there was in the singing something unrecognis able from the victousness that was the dominant characteristic of English football culture

for about two decades. The mood was innocent and guileless, like being at the Com-monwealth Games in Canada or New Zealand, where all the locals wave silly little flags and get absurdly excited every time

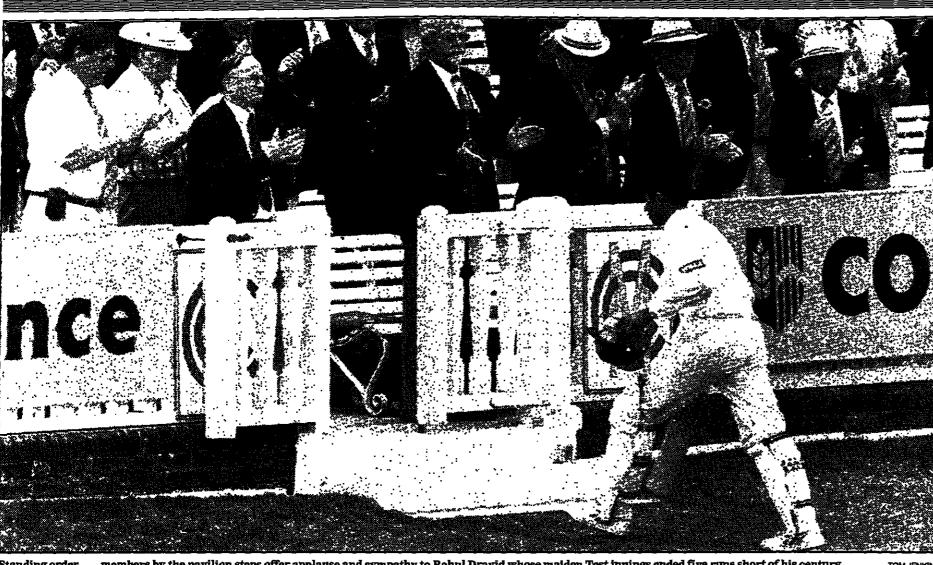
crowd did not think it was V-E ay or the Armada: they thought it was a football match and they loved it. It was summed up in the face

of the wide-eyed team mascot. as Tony Adams led him out, arm on his shoulder, and then ruffled his hair at the end of the anthems. Suddenly the world seemed fresh and new again. Now it was England's turn to wave the flag. This new cult of St George, previously invoked

the Wembley roof muffling the sound. This theory was exposed stroke. The vast majority of the the Telegraph or Mail moaning the Telegraph or Mail moaning that no one takes any notice of him, seems more agreeable than the old union-jackman ship that used to accompany snip mar used to accompany
the England football team. It is
difficult to be convincingly
threatening and nasty when
you have a cross painted across
your face.

Due to the magnitude and

But, in the meantime, one can begin to form a view about this tournament. English soccer at long last has achieved a sort of redemption.



Standing order . . . members by the pavilion steps offer applause and sympathy to Rahul Dravid whose maiden Test innings ended five runs short of his century

Asylum seeker lodging appeal

Set by Crispa

David Hopps

WEMBLEY might be joyfully chorusing its approval about football coming home but for one England batsman at Lord's there has been a less certain sense of belonging these past few days. Alec Stewart has been invited back into the England family like the man with an overnight bag. Expecta-tions are that he will make himself useful, know his place and then deferentially slip away without too

He remains a dedicated and respected professional but England are hankering

after reintroducing Nick | have long recognised him as Knight, who at 26 is seven years his junior, the moment his broken finger heals. Yet Stewart's current appeal against temporary asylum could be persuasive. He began dodgily yester-day, especially against Srinath, mistiming and thick-edging, but his last stand was scrutinised with increasing warmth and gratitude. By the close he was unbeaten on 65 and, for a batsman who had scored only one half-century in his last 18 England innings, suggested a growing air of per-

manence. It was a good job, too, for without him Eng-land would have been in

serious danger of defeat. We

a stickler; he might yet prove to be a sticker as well Stewart's first-innings dismissal had underlined Eng-land's doubts but his record at Lord's is impressive. Seven of his 24 Test half-centuries have been made at beadquarters, compared to only two on the undemand-

ing tracks at The Oval. Perhaps it is Lord's sense of order, and propriety, which suits him. It must be the only ground in the world where the spectators are likely to rival him for grooming. When he marched off at the close, tucking his bat under his arm, he could as easily have been folding up the Financial Times and striding | sider that he would be off for a meeting in the

How much impact must Stewart make to remain in the England side? Overhauling Brian Lara's 375 only another 310 to go — could be safely assumed to do it. If he bats out the day, Trent Bridge could also beckon. But if, say, he is out in the Nineties, his job convincingly done, England's selectors would be in a quandary.

Stewart's case emphasises how easily such predicaments arise. A week ago England were so con-vinced that Knight was they barely dared to con- to expect that he will.

unfit. When that possibility arose, they looked back to Stewart rather than forward to a younger bats-man, such as his Surrey team-mate Mark Butcher, or Yorkshire's opener Anthony McGrath, because it seemed a more comfortable short-term option.

A young player, the logic went, would feel betrayed if a successful debut was not recognised with a lengthy run in the side. Stewart would be more prepared for any eventuality. The voungster would know his the score. If he bats for most their preferred opener that of today, there is no reason

with sprinters.
Lady Herries' Marlinga (Paul Eddery) ran creditably in the Group Three Grosser Preis der Dortmunder Wirtshaft (90) in Germany this afternoon by finishing third to Devil River Peek at

on a soft track.

However. Gary Moore's Quakers Field fared less well by finishing seventh in a field of 10 under Simon Whitworth. After the excitements of Longchamps, Ascot and Epsom, racing reverts to bread and butter fare this afternoon but there are plenty of opportunities for punters with four meetings.

Musselburgh is a sharp

track and horses with win ning form there are usually worth following.

For this reason I make Vain Prince (three oclock) one of the day's best bets in the

Vain Prince may not be a stayer in the same class as Miss Murray but like the mile and seven furlongs around here and is attempting to win this race for the second time. He has been steadily find-ing his form and after runs at Beverly and Thirsk showed improvement when fourth to

English attack helps turn young Dravid into a Goliath

Mike Selvey at Lord's

HERE is, say those who know the Indians inti-mately, an unshakeable belief in destiny within their ranks. So no one will have been surprised in the way that, purely by happenstance. the team appears to have un-

covered the next generation. Fate, they will say, was responsible for the alleged shenanigans that induced the selectors to leave behind Vinod Kambli, a young batsman with a Test average in excess of 50; fate, too, that caused their most experienced opener Navjot Sidhu to pack his bags and return to India in a fit of pique and Sanjay Manjrekar, the man who coveted the No. 3 postion, to turn his ankle in the first Test

and so miss this one. Faced with such disruption, other teams might have fold-ed. Instead Indian cricket, on the rack at Edgbaston, has rediscovered itself at Lord's. In England's first innings there were wickets for Venkaof the most potent opening seven to his overnight 56 but

tesh Prasad, who with Java-gal Srinath already forms one attacks in the world. Then, when they batted, neither the genius Tendulkar nor the sorcerer Azharuddin scored the runs but two novices in their first Test innings.

On Saturday Sauray Ganguly, a rare Bengali Test cricketer, cast aside the aspersions that he was in the side purely on the strength of a father in high places to make a century in more than seven hours of concentration. It was only the third hundred on this ground by a man playing his maiden Test innings. No Test match has seen two debutants from the same team score centuries. Yesterday India came within a whisker as Rahul Dravid, who had kept Ganguly company dur-ing a sixth-wicket stand of 94, carried on where his partner had left off, making 95 before

he was ninth out. Dravid's contribution carried India onwards to 429, a lead on first innings of 85 and a position from which they would not lose and could make life awkward for England. The England response was to counter-attack a forrid new-ball spell (Mike Atherton was struck a painful, bloody blow on a finger that had suffered a knock in a match a week ago). Alec Stewart, recognising that he is man hanging over the precipice of Test-match oblivion, put bat to ball, making a half-century from 88 balls before calming down to reach 65 not out by the close. He has already done sufficient for the selectors to have a dilemma next weekend when they choose the side for

of fizzing leg-break from Anii Kumble that conjures up pictures of Shane Warne and Mike Gatting, and Nasser Hussain Instead it was left to the nightwatchman Peter

through to stumps In this series Hussein has re-established himself as a batsman of true international quality and temperament and for 95 minutes yesterday evening he played with compo-sure and assurance while making 28. Then Srinath banged in another short ball and Hussain, pulling out of a hook shot, left his bat in line and the ball ballooned off the

toe end to point.
India had begun the fourth
day on 324 for six, only 20 behind, and unless they could establish a substantial lead the game was dead and buried. But despite consistent movement in the air, the England bowlers performed poorly, allowing Dravid to accumulate and failing to dislodge Kumble until Martin, the worthiest of the bowlers yesterday, had him lbw after

almost an hour. Dravid had realised that, with capable partners and sensible batting. a hundred was possible. He found further staunch company first from Srinath, an impressive performer with the bat at Edgbaston in more trying conditions, and then

from Mhambrey.

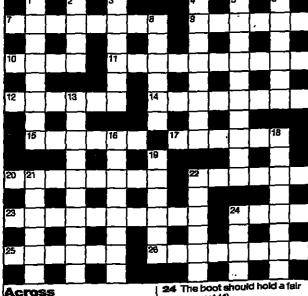
After a lunch-time pondering the possibilities, he looked more assertive, driving Mullally square to move into the nineties. Atherton now had a decision to make: the new ball was due but the old one was still swinging sharply at times. He chose to give Lewis his head with the new ball and in his second over the bowler obliged.

ENGLAND: First Inning 344 (R C Russell 124 G P Thorpe 89, Prasad 5-79). INDIDA
First Insides (Overnight 324-6)
V Rathore c Husseln b Cork 15
NR Mongia low b Lewis 24
S Ganguly b Mullelly 13-1
S R Tendulkar b Lewis 31
M Azharuddin c Russell b Mullelly 61
NR S Dravid c Russell b Lewis 95
A Kumble low b Martin 14
J Srineth b Mullelly 19
L Manmbrey not out 13
B K V Prasad c Stewart b Cork 4
Euras (b11, 1625, w10, mb9) 56

Total (169.3 overs) 428
Fail of wickets: 25, 59, 123, 154, 202, 296, 351, 389, 418
Bowling: Lewis 40-11-101-3; Cork 42,3-10-112-2: Multibly 39-14-71-3; Mar-110-34-10-70-1; Irani 12-3-31-1; Hick 2-0-8-0.

ENGLAND Second Insings "M.A. Adierton b Kumble

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there's very little money (8) 9 Window fitting that's dear, having wood in it (6)

10 The guy receiving nothing will make complaint (4) 11 Has in mind to mend tears in

12 Sort of dog for the scholarly 4 A military leader in charge,

efficient yet courteous (8) 5 No longer insolent, being 17 The maggot is anything but aggressive (6)

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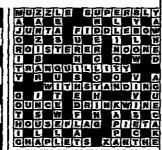
25 About a hundred take on fuel and start back (6) 26 Green in the main? (3-5) **Down**

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Grape pips Kelleway's Glory in grand finish

Chris Hawkins

LORY OF DANCER, fourth in the Epsom Derby, failed by a short head to win the Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp yester day when caught in the final stride by Grape Tree Road, trained by André Fabre.

The English challenger, ridden by Cash Asmussen. looked sure to win when hit-ting the front a furlong out, but Thierry Jarnet conjured a terrific run from Grape Tree Road, who is owned by British bookmaker Michael Tabor living in Monte Carlo.

Glory Of Dancer raced on the outside up the straight and saw plenty of daylight. while the winner got a dream run up the inside in a rough

It was a bitter pill for Paul Kelleway, trainer of Glory Of Dancer, to swallow, but he did things commenting: "What can you say, he's run a great race, but just got there too soon. Cash said so himself." Kelleway still carries the nickname "pattern race Paul" for a host of unlikely successes early in his career, and

with Risk Me.
Grape Tree Road finished seventh in the Prix Du Jockey Club (French Derby) three weeks ago, but was ridden differently yesterday — he led two furlongs out at Chantilly. Besides saddling Grape Tree Road, Fabre, who is by

race trainer in Europe. also

far the most successful group | fighting line throughout.

he won the Grand Prix in 1987

sent out the third, Android. Henry Cecil's Farasan fin-ished fourth, but was rele-gated to sixth. He looked un-lucky after failing to get a run, and in desperation his

rider, John Reid, was adjudged to have caused intererence to Blackwater and Le Triton. Reid was suspended for four days, starting July 2. Cecil believes Farasan, having only his third race, is a very good colt and may now run him in the King George at

Ascot next month. The Geoff Wragg-trained Mezzogiorno, third to Lady Carla in the Epsom Oaks, wa a disappointing last of five be hind the Aga Khan's Shamadara in the Prix de Malleret. Luca Cumani's Suranom, a 2-1, bounced back from a lack lustre effort at Chester to record his fourth win at San

Siro yesterday. Enterprisingly ridden by Fernando Jovine, Suranom raced into a five length lead in the Premio Cino del Duca and had enough in reserve to repel old rival, Scribano, by a ength and a quarter on a yleiding surface.

At Ascot on Saturday it was good to see the spotlight falling on one of the unsung journeymen jockeys in the game, Nicky Carlisle, who won the valuable Talan Handicap on Midnight Escape. Carlisle, whose best sea-sonal tally is 27, fought out a great finish with Gary Bard-well on Sylva Paradise and got a gallant response from his mount who was in the

really mattered," said Chris Wall, the Newmarket trainer who enhanced his reputation of having a particular rapport

Dortmund The West Sussex raider showed improved form to be beaten two and a half lengths

Yvonne Murray MBE

Arian Spririt at Redcar last

the final Test. He has lost Atherton, who had been bowled by the sort

Sussex player fails drug test eter tested positive in a ran-dom drug test conducted in May. The unnamed player, who awaits the result of a second sample, was tested durbased by the second sample of the

ORD'S yesterday con- ing the championship match firmed that a Sussex cricketer tested positive in a ranpanel to investigate. Sussex's secretary said: "I hope every-

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PO could